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Runciman report advocates 352 reforms

Law shake-up hit by jury trial row

By Frances Gibb, Richard Ford and Stewart Tendler

THE Home Secretary is expected to move swiftly to set up an independent body to handle alleged miscarriages of justice, as recommended by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in its far-reaching report yesterday.

Other proposals put forward by the 11-member commission in the most fundamental review of the criminal justice system for years face fierce opposition, however, from lawyers and judges.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, is expected to be strongly against the proposal to scrap a defendant's ancient right to elect trial by jury, a measure that has the backing of the law officers.

Yesterday, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, reacted cautiously to the proposal to scrap the centuries-old right to jury trial, describing it as very controversial. His officials said he had noted that the Lord Chief Justice was "not at all happy", and he is expected to take time ganging reaction before reaching a decision.

Some of the key proposals, put forward to restore public confidence after the legal system's reputation was battered by high-profile miscarriages of justice, could be included in a criminal justice bill this autumn. Other measures could be introduced speedily by the Lord Chief Justice, by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, or by action from the legal professsion itself. More than half the report, however, will have to await a second bill, which is unlikely to find parliamentary time before the next session.

- **Abolition of defendant's right to jury trial;**
- **Formal system of sentence discounts in return for guilty pleas;**
- **Defence disclosure of case pre-trial or face adverse comment by judge;**
- **Uncorroborated confessions remain but subject to warnings by judge;**
- **Judge can order that jury must include up to three ethnic minority members;**

The 352 measures drew a broad welcome yesterday from the police, lawyers and MPs, although the Bar, the Law Society and civil rights groups expressed concern at the proposed scrapping of the right to jury trial.

One of the victims of the recent spate of miscarriages of justice, Judith Ward, whose convictions were quashed after she had spent 18 years in prison, said that the report was disappointing. It was a missed chance that had not addressed the problem of the prosecution failing to disclose information to the defence.

Lord Runciman of Doxford, the commission chairman, unveiling his report yesterday at a press conference in London, defended it as a coherent package. "I am confident that our recommendations, if implemented as a whole, will significantly reduce the risk of innocent people being convicted and the guilty walking free," he said. He added that he believed the government would not "cherry pick" from the proposals but adopt the package as a whole.

The bulk of the proposals were overshadowed, however, by the furore over abolishing the right to jury trial. John Rowe, QC, the Bar Council chairman, said: "The choice to opt for a jury trial is an essential constitutional safeguard against miscarriages of justice and must be retained."

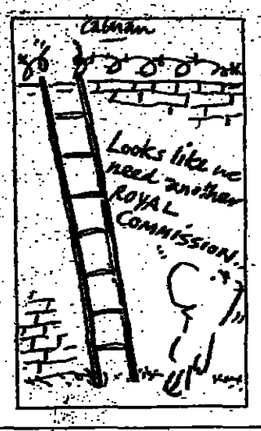
Richard Ferguson QC, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, said: "Once you start tinkering with that, you are tinkering with a fundamental freedom. This is one part of the report with which we vehemently disagree."

The Law Society accused the commission of recommending the end of defendants' choice of jury trial on the basis of cost-cutting. Charles Elly, deputy vice-president of the Law Society and former chairman of the Law Society's criminal law committee, said: "We warmly welcome the commission's support of the right to silence. However, we are strongly opposed to the recommendations that defendants should lose the right to choose jury trial. The recommendation can only have been based on the interests of cost-cutting, not of justice."

Tony Blair, shadow Home Secretary, said the key test of the recommendations would be "whether they improve the quality of justice". He welcomed many of the proposals, especially those that set up an independent review body on miscarriages of justice, retention of the right to silence, stronger supervision of the interviewing of suspects and better treatment for victims. It was totally unsatisfactory, however, to leave the right to jury trial to magistrates "to decide. "Fundamental rights to justice cannot be driven by administrative convenience," he said.

Another key proposal in the report to provoke controversy was that the defence should diclose its case before trial. In a dissenting note to the report, Professor Michael Zander disputed the need for the change, arguing that it shifted the burden of proof and that "it is not the job of the defendant to be helpful either to the prosecution or to the system".

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Palace arrest: a woman being led away near Hyde Park yesterday

15 women protesters held in palace grounds

By Richard Duce

ANTI-nuclear protesters with wire-cutters were at the centre of a big security alert yesterday after they clambered over a wall and into the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

Michael Howard, the home secretary, expressed his concern after the security breach by 15 women, some of them said to be veterans of the *Greenham Common* peace camp. MPs echoed his concern by demanding a Commons statement.

Police said the intruders, who climbed over the 12 ft wall using ladders and cut barbed wire, were all arrested quickly. The alert led to cancellation of the Changing of the Guard, as they were redeployed to search the grounds, but the incident did not affect the Queen's duties. The Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Edward were at the palace.

The women, protesting against British hopes to resume nuclear testing in America, arrived in a van outside the palace near Hyde Park. Police said all were arrested by armed members of the Royal Protection Squad within minutes of reaching the palace grounds.

However, two women, released without charge last night, claimed that they had got to within 20 yards of the palace and were in the grounds for 15 minutes before being arrested. Another woman and two men outside the walls were also detained. Last night some women were still being held at Charing Cross police station.

Security at Buckingham Palace and for the royal family is under review constantly, and police would not discuss measures that led to the arrests, but it is understood that the women probably set off an alarm system.

Colleen D'Mello, who works

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Housing recovery falls away

By Rachel Kelly
Property Correspondent

RECOVERY in the housing market is in danger of collapse and the Chancellor is being blamed by housing experts.

Figures yesterday showed house prices continuing to fall and demand faltering. The experts say uncertainty created by Kenneth Clarke's refusal to rule out tax rises has meant that potential buyers are waiting for a clearer indication of economic policy.

Builders and estate agents fear the slowdown could lead to a more permanent collapse if Mr Clarke fails to outline a clear strategy for growth. Site visitors, reservations and sales of new homes were all down in May and June after busy months in March and April.

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Eliot poems come in from the wasteland

By Edward Marriott

A COLD coming T.S. Eliot scholars may have had of it, but 80 years after they were written, 40 of his unpublished poems are to see the light of day. They were written between 1906, when Eliot was 18, and 1917, two years after he published his first mature poem, *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*, and are thought to be his only poems remaining unpublished.

The prospect of publication of poems that have been seen by only a handful of scholars — with the blessing of Eliot's widow Valerie — since they were bequeathed to the New York Public Library in 1958, is sending a shiver of excitement through academic circles. John Carey, Merton Professor of English Literature at Oxford University, said: "It will be an extremely important publication. I have high hopes. Eliot was like a lot of poets, much better as a young man."

The impetus for publication came from Mrs Eliot, who commissioned Christopher Ricks, Professor of English at Boston University, to edit them and provide a critical commentary.

Professor Ricks maintains that despite the tender age at which Eliot wrote the poems, they should not be dismissed as juvenalia. "None of the poems are juvenile work, and they are interesting because they show how he developed. The best of them are a great deal better than anything being published at the moment. It's like finding a

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Marathon trade talks end with breakthrough hopes

From Philip Webster, Political Editor, in Tokyo

HOPES of a breakthrough in the protracted talks on world trade rose early today after a marathon session of negotiations in Tokyo.

Negotiators from the United States, Japan, the European Community and Canada, in the debate on the future of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), emerged at 3am Tokyo time from their room at the Akasaka Prince Hotel, to declare that good progress had been made in several areas, and that they were optimistic of completing a deal today.

The talks, vital to the success of the G7 economic summit which opens in Tokyo today, are to carry on this morning in an attempt to resolve outstanding issues.

Last night the Japanese spokesman said that the progress had included plans completely to eliminate tariffs on some goods.

If an agreement is reached today, it will be a boost to summit leaders such as John Major, who has argued that this G7 could represent the last chance for Gatt. There will be caution, however, because there is no certainty that a deal would be endorsed by France, which has declared its opposition to anything but a procedural conclusion to this week's discussions. The final package will also have to go through the full Gatt process in Geneva.

Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commission's vice-president and negotiator in the talks, said: "We have made progress on a wide variety of areas. There is still more work to be done, but I hope we will conclude a successful outcome. If I did not think it was possible, I would be reluctant, after staying up until this hour, to return here tomorrow morning."

Mr Major will today have a brief meeting with President Clinton. British officials said that the two men had covered much ground in a weekend telephone conversation and a lengthy exchange of views was not necessary. Mr Major has said that growth and jobs should be the centrepiece of the summit.

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Thorpe century helps England restore Ashes pride

By Our Sports Staff

ENGLAND'S beleaguered cricketers, 2-0 down in the Ashes series, were given a tantalising glimpse of victory on the final day of the third Test at Trent Bridge yesterday. But, needing four Australian wickets to win in the evening session, the side failed to capture even one, leaving the match drawn.

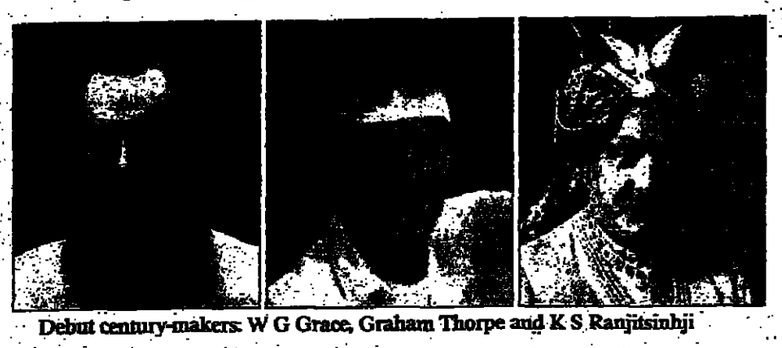
The result ended a sequence of seven England Test defeats, but with three games to play Australia need only a draw to retain the Ashes.

When Ian Healy was leg-before to the last ball before tea Australia, set to make 371 to win, seemed doomed at 115 for six. Andrew Caddick of Somerset had taken took three of the wickets, including that of Allan Border, the touring captain. But the four England bowlers were unable to separate Steve Waugh and Brendon Julian, both struggling to retain their places, who took the score to 202 to six at the close.

Graham Gooch had declared the England second innings at 422 for six halfway through the morning session, by which time Graham Thorpe, the Surrey left-hander, had reached 114 not out. He is only the fourteenth England player to score a century in his Test debut, the last being Frank Hayes, of Lancashire, against West Indies at the Oval in 1973.

Thorpe is the third to accomplish the feat against Australia in England — the others being W. G. Grace, at the Oval in 1880, and K. S. Ranjitsinhji, at Old Trafford 16 years later.

Bookmakers, impressed by England's vastly improved showing, have cut the odds against them regaining the Ashes from 66-1 to 33-1. The fourth Test starts at Headingley on July 22.



Debut century-makers: W G Grace, Graham Thorpe and K S Ranjitsinhji

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Clarke under fire as anxious house buyers stall recovery

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSING experts are blaming Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, for the slow-down of the housing recovery, which took a further blow yesterday with figures from the Halifax which show house price falls of 0.5 per cent in June. The seasonally adjusted figure shows a fall of 1.1 per cent in June prices compared with May.

A report from the National Association of Estate Agents to be published later this week will show that recovery is faltering for the first time since November.

One expert has accused the Chancellor of "plucking defeat from the jaws of victory". Another, John Wriglesworth, a housing analyst from the city brokers UBS, said Mr Clarke's Mansion House speech last month had left potential house-buyers uncertain about whether there would be tax rises in the November Budget or other measures which might hurt the housing market, such as the abolition of Miras or an increase in stamp duty.

"It is an interesting coincidence that the housing market collapse dates from the time of Ken Clarke's speech," he said.

David Holland, chief executive of Wimpey Homes, said that site visitors, reservations and sales of new homes were all down in May and June after busy months in March and April. Insecurity had descended on buyers as they became unsure of the government's policy.

His advice to Mr Clarke was to make his policy absolutely clear so that buyers could plan their financial decisions. "The slow-down in the market has come two months sooner than usual. If we don't have a pick-up in September, traditionally one of our busiest months, because of uncertainty about what will be in the November Budget, we risk a bad winter and a bad year."

Roger Humber, director of the Housebuilders Federation, said the federation's weekly surveys confirmed that by mid-June the recovery had weakened considerably.

"We are very concerned. We won't know until September now because of the seasonal lull whether it has run out of steam. In terms of site visitors we are down to identical levels of this time last year. That is very worrying. But our reservations are slightly up, about 20 per cent better than last year," Mr Humber said.

The downturn coincided with the point when the government seemed to lose control politically and uncertainty about the economy began, Mr Humber said.

"The responsibility for the recovery running out of steam is very much with the government. They've managed to pluck defeat from the jaws of victory," Mr Humber said.

"All Ken Clarke has done is to say that if the recovery runs out of steam he will have no hesitation in raising taxes. His stance on the pound and interest rates is totally confusing. He makes nonsensical statements about the battle against inflation. Such noises have clearly damaged confidence. He seems to be in the hands of his Treasury mandarins."

Mr Humber last week visited John Gummer, the environment secretary, to make his concerns known and has written to Mr Clarke.

Estate agents remained the up-beat. David Goldsworthy, president of the National Association of Estate Agents, said: "The recovery is a little bit patchy, but the recovery is still in hand." But he suggested that a 1 per cent cut in interest rates and firmer political leadership was needed.

TONY WHITE



On the move: Le Pen at Heathrow, where he admitted to an affinity with the right wing of the Tory party



Stormy scenes: police hold back protesters

Demonstrators greet Le Pen at Heathrow

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE leader of the French national front, Jean-Marie Le Pen, flew into London yesterday in an attempt to save face after being denied a venue in Scotland and Ireland, but managed only to incur the wrath of some 30 demonstrators.

Police grappled with protesters who tried to storm the news conference at Heathrow airport, but no arrests were made.

The right-wing extremist, who was only in London for two hours, said the refusal to grant him conference facilities in Edinburgh and Dublin last week "runs completely counter to the rules of the European Community and democracy in general".

He said he did not believe it was his role to tell the British people how they should behave, but he felt he had an "affinity" with the right wing of the Conservative party.

M Le Pen has attracted criticism for using European Parliament funds to promote his party across Europe. Yesterday's visit was part of what is developing into a mini-European tour. A short time later he flew out to Italy, where he said he always received a good welcome. He also plans a visit to Berlin.

Union to give Smith a rough ride

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND JILL SHERMAN

■ The Labour leader's electoral reform plans face a crucial test today as it emerges that he may be prepared for a compromise

JOHN Smith, the Labour leader, will face a rough ride today from one of the biggest trade unions as he underlines his determination to push through his proposals for reforming party democracy.

However, signs emerged yesterday that Mr Smith may be ready to compromise on some elements of his reforms rather than risk defeat at this year's party conference.

At the Transport and General Workers' conference yesterday, Labour was rebuffed over both electoral reform and union law and leftwingers are likely to be openly hostile to Mr Smith when he addresses the conference today. Tomorrow, the union is expected to increase the pressure on the Labour leader by voting against his proposals.

While Mr Smith is publicly indicating that he is prepared to take on the unions at this year's conference, many shadow cabinet colleagues are pushing for a compromise to avoid certain defeat this autumn. The Labour leader has made clear that his priority is to get new rules through for selecting parliamentary candidates on "the principle" of one-member-one-vote (Omov). However, sources close to him said yesterday that he was adamant about the principle rather than the detail. Mr Smith is said to be reluctant to rule out any area where he could reach agreement with the unions.

This could include some modification of the register of Labour supporters, which several trade unions are backing. While modernisers in the party such as Tony Blair and Gordon Brown are adamant that the register would take too long to set up and does not represent one-member-one-vote, some of those in the Smith camp are now suggesting a compromise between the register and Mr Smith's suggestion of a levy plus, where unionists who pay the political levy could become individual members of the Labour party for a reduced subscription. "There could be a separate register of trade unionists who shared Labour ideals and are not members of another party," said one source.

"John Smith is wedded to the principle of Omov but wants to edge forwards towards it. He also wants to show that trade unions are still important to the party," said one source.

Robin Cook released yesterday the results of a timely telephone poll from Mori, which showed strong support for one-member-one-vote among trade unionists.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Wounded gerbil roars his defiance

Ever since an occasion months ago when the House leader, Tony Newton, appeared to mistake the gender of his junior colleague Michael Fabricant, and referred to him as "the hon lady", Mr Newton has been cruising for a bruising.

He got it yesterday, when Labour's Keith Bradley (Manchester, Withington) mistook him for the Duchess of York. The unlikely confusion had onlookers scratching their heads in puzzlement.

It arose from a question Mr Bradley had planned to put to the prime minister. He wanted to complain about proposals to close a children's hospital, named after the Duchess of York, in Manchester.

Mr Bradley was perhaps rattled when the House leader rose instead of the prime minister to answer him, Mr Major being in Japan.

But, determined to take this in his stride, Mr Bradley reminded us that Newton had once been a minister of health. "I recall that it was he (Newton) who opened the hospital," he added. Would he now be coming to Manchester for the closing ceremony too?

Mr Newton looked bemused. Actually he always does, but never more that yesterday.

"I well remember the opening of the Duchess of York's Hospital," he frowned, "but the hon gentleman is mistaken. I did not open it. The Duchess of York did."

"And look what 'appened to 'er," growled somebody on the Opposition side, probably Skinner.

Everyone else laughed. It was not that Mr Newton is unpopular: a courteous, earnest sort of fellow — slight, anxious and conscientious — he is generally held in affection.

It was just that Mr Newton is so very unlike the Duchess of York. Sarah Ferguson has more hair, more lips, more teeth, more ... well, more of almost anything you care to mention. She has oomph. Mr Bradley's oversight was perplexing.

It may have been this that put Mr Newton into a rage. For the rest of prime minister's questions he appeared to have flipped completely. Regardless of the subject on which he was questioned, his voice never dropped below a shout.

Even a question about water and sewerage rates in the South West provoked a noisy rant; while Mark Robinson (C, Somerton & Frome) had only to observe mildly that new car sales were up by 11 per cent to trigger from Mr Newton a great roaring barrage of statistics, delivered as though they were casualty figures among routed enemy troops, rather than economic good news.

Government backbenchers decided that this was amusing entertainment for a hot afternoon, and began egging him on, bellowing "hear, *hear!*" to almost every remark he made, and this only drove his aggression to a higher pitch.

In the past we have called Mr Newton a gerbil among ministers, but yesterday he left his cage and appeared as a chihuahua among gerbils.

Even an enquiry about Brazil appeared to arouse him. Dr Michael Clark (C, Rochford) took advantage of a question on the order paper to welcome a visiting Brazilian senator, Senhor Campos.

Dr Clark quoted the wise words of this luminary from the Amazon: "Brazil is not just a country of the future, and Britain not just a country of the past: both are countries of today." Stunned MPs paused to drink deep of this insight. It was, of course, profound, but MPs could all understand it. Campos pitches his Anglo-Brazilian meditations shrewdly.

The House leader looked so excited that he seemed on the verge of breaking into a rendering of "There's an Awful Lot of Coffee in Brazil".

But then Mr Newton is from Essex, where the nuts come from.

Freed man rearrested

BY LIN JENKINS

A MAN was last night facing exclusion from Britain after charges that he told a taxi-driver to take a bomb to Downing Street, the night after the Bishopsgate explosion, were dropped.

John Matthews, 22, from Northern Ireland, who had been held at Belmarsh high security prison, was rearrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act after being freed by Thames magistrates' court. He was held at Paddington Green police station while police applied for an exclusion order.

The move was criticised by campaigners who had said a trial could have led to a miscarriage of justice. The MP Peter Bottomley said Mr Matthews was "as innocent of IRA offences as I am". The magistrate said he left the court without a blemish on his character.

'Super-cat' ferries challenge the tunnel

Sealink took on the £8 billion Channel tunnel yesterday by announcing a £130 million order for two huge catamaran-style ferries, capable of speeds of almost 50mph. Carrying 1,500 passengers and 375 cars, the vessels will also challenge the new breed of conventionally-hulled "super-ferries", which reach only 24mph (Tim Jones writes).

Stena AB of Sweden, Sealink's parent company, said one of the "super-cats" will enter service on the Holyhead to Dublin Bay route in 1995. The company refused to say whether the second ferry would be used on the Dover to Calais route to challenge the tunnel, due to open next year. But a company source said: "If you speculate in that way, no one will argue with you." Dan Sten Olsson, Stena's chairman, said its commercial significance could be compared with the move "from propeller driven aircraft to jet engines".

IRA bombs seized

Police foiled an IRA bomb team in Northern Ireland, hours after the centre of Newtownards was wrecked by a van bomb. Two huge devices — one weighing 2,000lb, the other 800lb — were seized when RUC officers chased a terrorist gang for three miles through the South Armagh countryside early yesterday. One man was arrested after their vehicle was abandoned. Twelve hours earlier 19 people, including four RUC officers, were injured when Newtownards in co. Down was bombed.

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Clinic protesters lose

THREE anti-abortion demonstrators were rightly convicted and fined for disorderly behaviour after a bizarre organised invasion of a Leeds clinic, the High Court in London ruled. Lord Justice Watkins rejected claims that the invasion in 1991 of the Fallonden Clinic was a legitimate attempt to prevent illegal abortions taking place.

Bishop appointed



A strong supporter of the ordination of women priests has been chosen as the next Bishop of Gloucester. The Right Rev David Bentley, left, the suffragan bishop of Lynn, pledged to help the diocese recover from the scandal which forced his predecessor to resign. The Right Rev Peter Ball, an opponent of women priests, stood down after he admitted a sex offence against a young monk.

Teachers' pay docked

Two teachers at grant-maintained Arnewood comprehensive school at New Milton, Hampshire, are believed to have have become the first in the country to have their pay docked by school governors for joining the boycott of national curriculum tests. The National Union of Teachers said the governors' decision was draconian and totally unjustified.

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Trident design may be unsafe, MPs warn

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE all-party Commons defence committee expressed unease yesterday over safety aspects of the Trident missile system and the government's lack of openness about Britain's new strategic deterrent.

In a report on the £9 billion Trident programme, the MPs also said they were worried about the transport of nuclear weapons around the country. The greatest concern, however, was over a number of safety warnings made in an official American report on the Trident D5 missile, which Britain is buying to replace Polaris.

The American experts, headed by Dr Sidney Drell, reported in 1990 that there were potential risks over the choice of missile propellant and warhead explosive. The Drell report said the warheads were grouped around the missile motor close to the propellant. "The unusually close proximity of inflammable and potentially explosive propellant and nuclear warheads is naturally a matter of concern," the MPs said.

They urged further consideration of an alternative fuel "even at the cost of a marginal reduction in range".

The committee also criticised the Ministry of Defence for revealing no details about safety features in the warhead, which has been designed by the atomic weapons establishment at Aldermaston in Berkshire.

The public had a right to know whether certain "well-publicised" safety features were included.

The ministry was also unwilling to disclose any details about the movement of nuclear warheads on roads. "The maintenance of public confidence in the security and transport of nuclear weapons requires the greatest possible degree of openness by the MoD," the MPs said.

☐ *The Progress of the Trident Programme*, Defence Committee Sixth Report (Stationery Office, £13.25)

Unpublished Eliot poems discovered

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sketch by Picasso, or a scrap of music by Beethoven. The best are wonderful, but Eliot thought they were not good enough because his standards were so high."

Some of the poems are very obviously precursors to others written later. For instance, the line "Heated nights in second-storey dance halls" from *In The Department Store*, is very close, he says, to "Restless nights in one-night cheap hotels" from *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*.

Professor Ricks believes the poems, which are written in pencil or fountain pen or typed, are ripe for publication: "It is Mrs Eliot's decision, and she is the best judge of what he would have wanted."

Mrs Eliot, who married the Nobel prize-winning poet in 1957, eight years before his death, commissioned Professor Ricks after seeing him deliver the T.S. Eliot Memorial Lectures at Kent University in 1988, the centenary of the poet's birth.

15 women held at palace

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at an office near by, said: "The police were here very, very quickly. At first there was just a police motorcyclist, but within two minutes they were coming from every direction."

The Woman's Nuclear Test Ban Network, based in Bristol, said that the protest was intended to try to get royal recognition for the sovereignty of a Shoshone Indian reservation close to the bomb testing site in Nevada.

After her release last night, Kate Witham, 22, from Bristol, said: "We couldn't believe how easy it was to get in. We were there for about 15 minutes before police appeared. Some of them did flying leaps to bring the women to the ground. We wanted to get publicity for our cause. We have been trying to get the media interested for years."

Commander Robert Marsh, of the royalty and diplomatic protection department, said: "I am satisfied our contingency plans to stop intruders reaching the palace worked effectively. Within seconds of being alerted to the intrusion, officers were in position to detain the intruders in order to prevent them being able to enter any of the buildings.

"Using Buckingham Palace as some PR stunt is not only extremely irresponsible but also potentially dangerous."

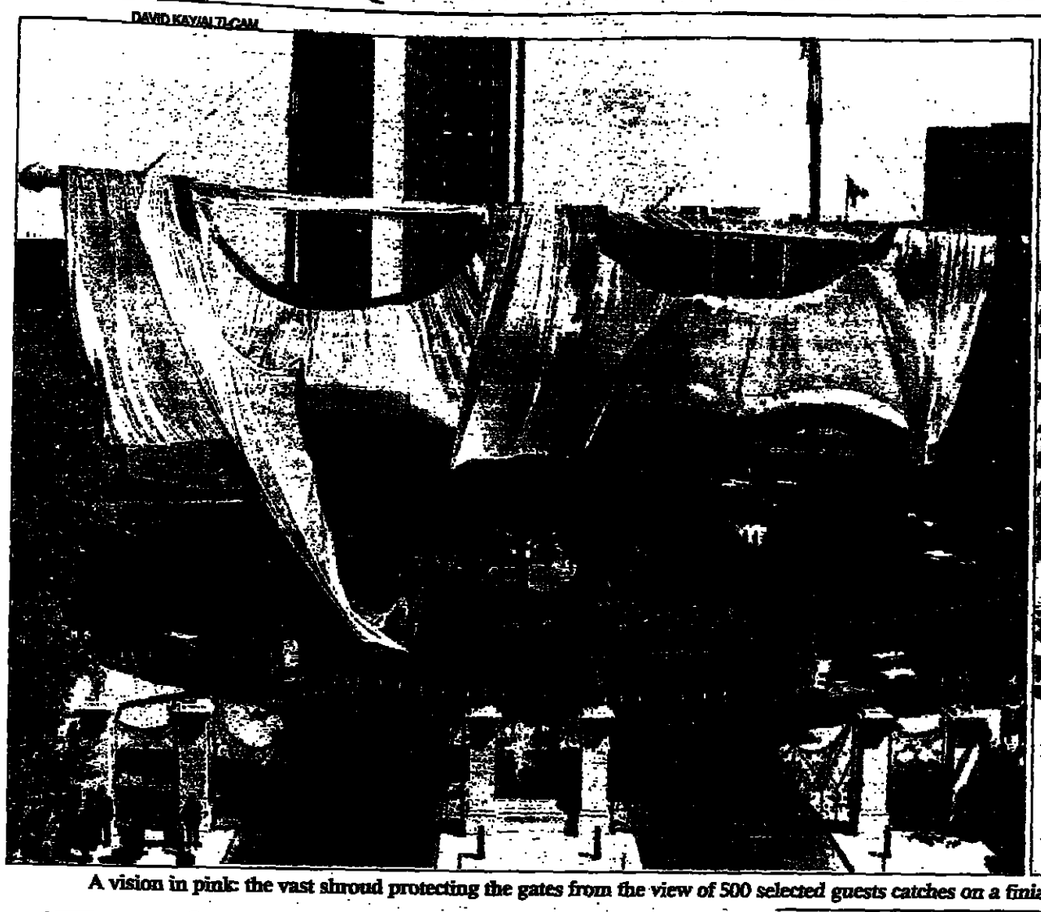
Earlier Mr Howard told Independent Television News: "It is very difficult to stop a determined attempt being made to scale the walls."

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A delighted Queen Mother unveils her own £2 million memorial at the entrance to Hyde Park





A vision in pink: the vast shroud protecting the gates from the view of 500 selected guests catches on a finial as they are unveiled. Right: the Queen and Queen Mother inspect the gates' intricate, "feminine" design

'Feminine' gates mark a nation's thanks to royalty

By Alan Hamilton

FOR the first time since Queen Victoria went into mourning after the death of her beloved Albert, the gates of Hyde Park are no longer uniformly black. Yesterday Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attended the unveiling of a new park entrance erected in her honour — such a departure from the traditional Victorian ironwork that sterner art critics have dismissed it as pure kitsch.

Under a scorching midday sun the Queen Mother, who will be 93 next month, walked slowly but unaided to inspect the 120ft-wide creation in stainless steel, oxidised bronze and titanium that now graces the park entrance behind the Duke of Wellington's house at the bottom of Park Lane. Looking cool and relaxed in one of her billowing lime-green creations, she appeared delighted to have a memorial in her own lifetime.

Things did not, however, go perfectly. The Queen, in cool blue with a white straw hat, stepped forward to pull a ceremonial unveiling lever. At the signal, two cranes slowly raised the vast pink shroud that had hidden the gate from the 500 guests, invited for the generosity of their donations. But the rising shroud caught on a spiky finial on top of the gate, ripped like a petticoat caught in a bramble patch, and hung there until a ladder was fetched to untangle it.

Prince Michael of Kent, who first conceived the notion of a monument to his aunt, described the intricate metal sculpture as light, feminine and fanciful. He said its purpose was for present and future generations to remember the Queen Mother and thank her for everything she had done for Britain and the Commonwealth.

Two years ago he launched a public appeal for money to built the gate, with a target of £2 million. Yesterday Richard Briggs, the appeal organiser, admitted that the fund was still £50,000 short of its target. He hoped the shortfall would be made up by individuals, companies and societies paying £1,000 a time to have their names inscribed on the gate pillars. The fund will also have to pay for care and maintenance of the gate, estimated at £5,000 a year.

Protesters join embarrassing list of unwanted Palace guests

By Richard Duce

SECURITY at Buckingham Palace, which was breached by 15 anti-nuclear protestors yesterday, prompting a alert, has been under close scrutiny for more than a decade since Michael Fagan gained access to the Queen's bedroom.

The widespread alarm that followed the disclosure in 1982 that Mr Fagan had not only breached security but had also spent half an hour chatting to the Queen prompted tighter security, which is constantly reviewed.

The opening of Buckingham Palace to the public later this year will intensify the demands on the police responsible for protecting the Queen. Only recently, as disclosed in *The Times*, the Queen met Stella Rimington, head of MI5, to discuss security and the royal family.

While the latest breach involving anti-nuclear protestors was tackled swiftly by police, it adds to a growing list of embarrassing incidents involving intruders at the palace. Last year, Darryl Marcus managed to get within yards of the Queen's private appartments during the seven minutes he spent at large in the palace grounds.

It is understood that after this incident, a new alarm system was introduced in the grounds of Buckingham Palace to report immediately the first sign of a break-in. This system was probably responsible for the rapid response by armed officers of the Royal Protection Squad to yesterday's mass trespass, which happened while the Queen was in residence.

The alarm signalling intruder in the grounds leads to windows being closed at the palace and the arrival of police at the area where the breach has been detected.

For obvious reasons, neither police nor the palace will comment on the exact nature of security measures being enforced or how many officers are involved in patrolling the grounds. The speedy response to the break-in will be seen as a success for the current security precautions.

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Psychologist defends smacks for children

By John Young

SOME small children need to be smacked in order to prevent their going "off the rails" in later life, a leading psychologist said yesterday.

Richard Lynn, professor of psychology at Ulster University, told Sutton Magistrates' Court in southwest London that from time to time children got out of control and were defiant. "The most effective way of controlling them, the only way of controlling them, is by a light smack," he said.

Prof Lynn was giving evidence on behalf of Anne Davis, 33, a former teacher and a mother of two young daughters, who is seeking to overturn a decision by Sutton council to remove her from its list of registered childminders. The council made the move because she refused to sign an undertaking not to smack children in her care. "The modern theory is that children do not have a natural sense of right and wrong, and that the understanding of what is right and what is wrong has to be learned during early and middle childhood," Prof Lynn said.

"One of the most effective ways by which children learn that some things are right and some are wrong is that behaviour which is wrong is met by punishment, not always physical but sometimes." If there was a total ban on smacking, some children would not learn what was socially unacceptable behaviour.

"Some children will ultimately be expelled from school as a result. It is very important to discipline children from a very early age."

The case continues.

Woman travelling with wanted widows was jailed for fraud

By James Landale

■ A tale of tragedy that earned sympathy from Mother Teresa was told by the woman accompanying two elderly sisters on the run

THE woman who has been travelling with two elderly sisters wanted for questioning in connection with a string of crimes is a convicted fraudster, it was disclosed yesterday.

Police believe that sisters Winifred Bristow, 75, and Joan Payne, 73, are innocent players in a saga of deception that has stretched across Britain since they disappeared from their home in East Grinstead, West Sussex, more than a year ago.

Angela Dodge, 51, also known as Angela Austin, once wrote of her life of crime in a magazine, disclosing that she had served two sentences in Holloway prison for cheque book frauds.

Mrs Dodge, her 10-year-old daughter Kate and their dog have been travelling with the sisters, leaving unpaid hotel bills and bouncing cheques in their wake.

They were on the move again on Monday, after being questioned by Irish police. The landlady of the bungalow the group rented in Swinford, co. Mayo, said the sisters appeared very happy. But Kate was obviously upset by recent events. In a diary found at the bungalow yesterday, her entry for Sunday read: "Today I was scared stiff. I cried for 20 minutes. Everything except reporters happened."

Locals in Swinford, where the group had been living since December, told yesterday how Mrs Dodge had spun a tale of tragedy that took in everyone from a solicitor to Mother Teresa. She was known in the village as Mrs Austin, and allegedly persuaded a local bank to lend her £30,000 to help finance four property deals in co. Mayo. Charles Kelly, her solicitor in Swinford, said she told him the money to pay for the houses was coming from Britain but various family tragedies had delayed it.

Mrs Dodge claimed that another daughter, called Paula, planned to bring a banker's draft but had to have both legs amputated after gangrene set in following a car accident. She said Paula had been widowed twice and had lost a child in a cot death. Despite this bad fortune, she worked as an interpreter for David Gwen, the European Community mediator in Bosnia.

The story was told to Mother Teresa by the son of Mrs Dodge's landlady, who piloted a plane bringing her to Ireland two weeks ago. Mother Teresa blessed some holy medals to give to her.

Mr Kelly said: "She was a plausible woman, and a tremendous actress." He said the homes she was planning to buy had a total value of £215,000. She put down a deposit of £5,500 on one, and spent £3,000 ordering fitted kitchens for two others. It is believed the money to pay for this came from a loan from Allied Irish Bank.

After being questioned by Garda officers, the bank yesterday started an enquiry into their dealings with Mrs Dodge. Mr Kelly said: "I gather that she got a substantial amount of money from the bank in the last ten days. It is thought locally that she made £30,000 from her shenanigans. I certainly don't believe she intended to go through with the house purchases."

The saga ended on Monday, when Mr Kelly expected to receive a bank draft for £90,000 from solicitors in Canterbury, Kent. The money never arrived and Mrs Dodge and her group left the area.

Margaret McEvaddy, landlady of the bungalow just outside Swinford, said she was totally taken in. "I never believed that dual personalities existed. How Angela hid the other person from me, I don't know — like Jekyll and Hyde."

She was changing the locks at the bungalow yesterday, for which Mrs Dodge paid £80 a week. "She told me that her second husband, who had died, had left insurance policies and that she didn't have to work again." She also said that Kate had been well provided for by an inheritance from a brother who had died in Canada. "She told me that she wanted to raise her daughter in Ireland," Mrs McEvaddy said.

Mrs Dodge wrote an account of what she called her "life of crime" for *Bella* magazine in 1990. In it she said she started writing false cheques in 1975 when her first marriage broke up. She wrote: "I want to say to anyone tempted to do what I did: don't — crime doesn't pay and you could end up like me, regretting it for the rest of your life."

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Abduction of Dart queried by counsel

By Paul Wilkinson

COUNSEL for Michael Sams, accused of the murder of Julie Dart, claimed yesterday that there was little or no evidence that she had ever been kidnapped.

Three witnesses had come forward to say they had seen Miss Dart, 18, the morning after her apparent disappearance on July 9, 1991, said John Milmo QC, in his closing speech for the defence at Nottingham Crown Court.

He told the jury he had seen their reaction when Sams said in his evidence that he did not think Miss Dart had been kidnapped. "Your response was almost audible, because you didn't know the defence was going to call these three witnesses. Your view was that this evidence was so absurd it would characterise the rest. Now you know Mr Sams might be correct you might pause to think the rest of his evidence may be true too."

Sams has maintained that a friend, whom he has refused to identify, used his ideas and premises in Newark, Nottinghamshire, to hold and murder Miss Dart.

Mr Milmo went on: "Is the evidence that Julie Dart is connected to Michael Sams or merely that she is connected to his workshop?"

Sams, 31, a tool repairer from Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, denies the kidnap and murder of Miss Dart, a Leeds prostitute, and demanding a ransom of £140,000 from Leeds police.

He also denies blackmailing British Rail for £200,000 with a threat to derail a train.

He has admitted kidnapping Stephanie Slater, a Birmingham estate agent, in January last year and demanding a £175,000 ransom from her employers.

Earlier Richard Wakerley, QC, prosecuting, said Sams had left a calling card at the scene of his crimes: the method by which he carried them out. He said there were 21 points linking the kidnapping of Miss Slater to the killing of Miss Dart. The hearing continues.

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Lord Runciman's recommendations for wide-ranging shake-up of how the law works

Pragmatic commission opts for radical reform to forestall legal revolution

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Despite its wide-ranging report, the Royal Commission's anxiety that its proposals should be practical has led it to be cautious

Measures for the biggest shake-up of the criminal justice system for a decade were unveiled yesterday by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, with the overriding aim of ensuring juries convict the guilty and any miscarriages of justice are swiftly put right.

But within hours of publication, the package of 352 well-trailed proposals by the commission under Lord Runciman of Doxford — spanning the entire criminal justice system from police investigations to jury selection and training of judges — had sparked controversy.

As predicted, two key proposals drew immediate criticism from lawyers and civil libertarians and cast a shadow over many of the other reforms: the removal of a defendant's right to elect jury trial where, at present, there is a choice; and second, the proposal that defendants be required to disclose their case at a certain point before trial, or risk adverse comment by the judge at trial before the jury.

Both the Bar and the Law Society made clear they will be fighting any move to remove the defendant's right to jury trial, while civil libertarians said that the insistence on defence disclosure before trial was eroding the right to silence "by the back door" and tantamount to asking the defence to help the prosecution.

A third main proposal, for a system of sentence discounts in which sentences are reduced for guilty pleas (and the earlier the plea the lower the sentence) came under fire from some lawyers as likely to lead to even more "wrong" pleas of guilty.

The report, the result of two years' work, represents the most fundamental review of the criminal process ever undertaken. The clear aim, Lord Runciman said yesterday, was "to see that juries get it right". The majority of Crown Court trials were conducted fairly, he said, but there was a minority which "quite rightly caused a great deal of concern" out of all proportion to their actual numbers.

Lord Runciman added: "We believe these measures will, if implemented, significantly reduce the risks of mistaken jury verdicts, increase the likelihood that wrongful convictions in the Crown Court will be overturned by the Court of Appeal."

Despite its all-encompassing brief when appointed in 1991 after a spate of wrongful convictions, the report generally endorses the adversarial system, although Lord Runciman said the package of measures took the system a step towards the inquisitorial one. The aim had been to correct the "excesses of the adversarial system", he said.

Pragmatism seems to have triumphed over root-and-branch reform of the system. "In framing our recommendations," Lord Runciman admitted yesterday, "we have been conscious that they must be demonstrably practicable."

The consensus among lawyers was that more could have been done to prevent future miscarriages. In particular the Bar highlighted the commission's failure to give the Crown Prosecution Service a role in supervising police investigation. These first responses from the legal profession, however, overshadowed a crucial theme underpinning the report: its strong indictment of the standards of many solicitors and barristers and the need for tougher measures both to improve their conduct and the training of judges.

☐ *The Report of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice* (HMSO; £21.50)

Independent body to handle wrongful conviction cases

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

AN INDEPENDENT tribunal would investigate alleged miscarriages of justice and refer appropriate cases to the Court of Appeal under proposals unveiled by the royal commission yesterday.

Ministers have signalled their support for a review body that would end the Home Office's role in investigating between 700 and 800 representations a year claiming wrongful conviction.

The new organisation, which the report recommends should be called the Criminal Cases Review Authority, would have the power to demand and supervise further police investigation of cases. Its key function would be to consider cases that have passed through the criminal justice system and where a person had already exercised a right of appeal. A person told by the authority that it would not intervene would be free to try again.

The authority would be able to discuss cases directly with applicants, including interviews with prisoners. "It has struck us forcibly that many people who believe that they are the victims of miscarriage of justice feel that they have a right to be heard and are frustrated by the fact that they have been unable to put their case in person to the Home Office officials who are considering it," the report says.

Although the authority would be independent of ministers, the government would provide resources and a minister would be responsible for reporting to Parliament on its activities. It would publish an annual report.

The chairman, who would not be chosen from the judiciary, would be appointed by the Queen on the advice of the prime minister. Other members would be selected by the Lord Chancellor. Members should be drawn from the legal profession and lay people and they would be supported by a staff of lawyers and administrators with access to specialist advisers such as forensic scientists.

After investigating an alleged miscarriage of justice, the authority would refer a

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case to the Court of Appeal and outline its reasons for making the referral. At present, the home secretary has to be persuaded to refer a case to the court.

Ministers would retain responsibility for the exercise of the royal prerogative of mercy. Successive home secretaries have wanted the investigation of miscarriages of justice cases transferred from the Home Office to an independent body. The present system has been criticised for being lengthy and cumbersome.

Cases are dealt with by the C3 unit at the Home Office which has a staff of 16. It does not employ its own lawyer but relies on help from lawyers employed in other government departments. A sample taken in the first quarter of 1990 showed that, of 226 cases, three were referred to the home secretary for a decision on whether they should be sent to the Court of Appeal. The home secretary normally intervenes in a case only on the basis of new evidence or other considerations of substance that had not previously been before the courts.

It dismissed 154 cases and 69 went to other Home Office ministers because members of Parliament had made representations.

Under the proposals, the Court of Appeal would also have the power to refer cases to the authority for investigation and other changes would help defendants. The present three grounds of appeal would be replaced with a broad ground allowing the court to decide whether the conviction "is or may be unsafe". The court should be prepared to receive fresh evidence and accept alleged errors by trial lawyers as grounds of appeal.

It is also proposed that senior circuit judges nominated by the Lord Chief Justice would be able to sit as members of the Court of Appeal.

The requirement that, before an appeal can go to the House of Lords, the Court of Appeal must say that the case involves a matter of general public importance should be dropped, the commission adds.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Competitive spirit: Lord Runciman is a scrupulously fair man, but on the tennis court opponents feel the need for an umpire

Sentence discounts on offer

BY FRANCES GIBB

A SYSTEM of sentence discounts in which a defendant will earn a reduction in sentence for a guilty plea — the earlier the plea the bigger the discount — is the most innovative of all measures put forward by the commission.

Lord Runciman said it was not plea-bargaining in the American sense, in which the prosecution can suggest the appropriate sentence. However, it is like the formalised system of plea-bargaining envisaged in a report last year under Robert Seabrook, QC, to the Bar Council.

The proposals are backed by law enforcement officers including Barbara Mills, the director of public prosecutions, as a way of tackling

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"cracked" trials: those which abort at the last minute through a change of plea. Some 83 per cent of defendants who elect a Crown Court trial change their plea to guilty.

However, there was immediate criticism from bodies such as Justice and Liberty, which said the proposals would pressurise defendants to admit wrongly to an offence. The group said: "It subtly undermines the presumption of innocence ... and the requirement that the prosecution prove its case." It could rapidly lead to a system which looked for guilt and penalised those who opt for jury trial, the group added.

The "sentence discounts" procedure would be initiated by the defendant and should normally take place in the judge's chambers with both sides represented by counsel. The judge would answer the question "What would be the maximum sentence if my client were to plead guilty at this stage?" but not any other. If the defendant then pleads guilty, the case would move to open court.

The commission says the system should be kept under review. Research suggests the current system of sentence discounts, coupled with a greater tendency to plead guilty among ethnic minority offenders, might put black and ethnic minority offenders at greater risk of custodial sentences and serving longer prison terms.

Concern of police over 'ambush' tactics met

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DEFENDANTS should remain silent under questioning in a police station without facing adverse comment in court, according to the royal commission, but it also recommends that the defence disclose its response to the prosecution case before trial.

Looking at the right to silence, the commission noted that research showed a large proportion of those who remain silent later plead guilty. The majority of the royal commission felt that the possibility of an increase in convicting the guilty was outweighed by extra pressure on suspects in police stations.

RIGHT OF SILENCE

Giving courts the right to comment on silence under police questioning would not solve issues like the case earlier this year of the parents charged and then freed after the death of their baby.

The royal commission also doubted that changing the right to silence would have the results police expect and argued professional criminals would still remain silent. But the commission did meet police concern about "ambush defences", where a defence is entered late in a trial, leaving the prosecution little time to challenge it.

The commission recommends that if a defence introduces a late change or departs from the strategy it has disclosed it should face adverse comment. The disclosure issue split the commission, prompting Professor Michael Zander to issue a dissenting note that the principle must remain that the burden of proof lies with the prosecution.

Confessions were also a controversial area. Three members of the commission were opposed to the use of confessions without corroboration. The majority said judges should give a warning when confessions are used.

Police investigations should not come under the CPS but police had a duty to consider all evidence, including anything which could exonerate the suspect. The commission suggested suspects could be questioned after being charged and argued for the use of video cameras to monitor station custody areas.

Controversial plan will affect 35,000 Crown Court cases

BY FRANCES GIBB

THE abolition of a defendant's right to elect trial by jury for offences that can be tried either at Crown Court or in the magistrates' courts is the most controversial proposal floated yesterday.

Instead of the defendant choosing jury trial, the commission proposes that where the defendant and the Crown Prosecution Service disagree on venue of trial, the decision should be made by magistrates according to "statutory criteria".

The proposal would affect a large swathe of middle-ranking cases that can be tried either by magistrates or by judge and jury and lead to huge savings, with up to 35,000 cases being removed from the Crown Court a year.

At present, of all 100,000 court cases a year, only 18 per cent are considered so serious that they must be tried in the Crown Court. The rest are heard there because magistrates have directed them (52 per cent) or because the defendant chooses (30 per cent), most in the mistaken belief they will have a better chance of acquittal.

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice says that where both sides agree, the case should be tried summarily, before magistrates. If they do not agree, then magistrates should decide on the basis of such factors as gravity of the offence, defendant's past record, complexity of cases and likely effect on the defendant, including sentence.

The potential loss of reputation would also be a factor. The proposal was immediately attacked yesterday of being divisive, and favouring those (probably middle-class) defendants who could argue their reputation was at stake. They would be more likely to secure jury trial and others not, the critics claimed.

But Lord Runciman said yesterday that reputation was not a matter of class. The proposals were not cost-driven, although it was a matter of concern that Crown Court costs — which averaged £12,000 a trial — could be taken up with a theft of £2, as recently reported.

The proposals would secure a more rational distribution of cases, and release resources for the more serious cases in the higher courts, the commission added.

Other far-reaching proposals made by the royal commission yesterday was for the abolition of committal proceedings, which is widely backed throughout the legal profession; and for pre-trial hearings to determine and clarify issues in advance of a trial as is now down in the civil courts.

In a minority dissenting report, one of the commissioners, Professor Michael Zander, said the proposals would make the system less, not more, efficient and "increase delays and costs". The new system would involve lengthy steps to be undertaken by lawyers and that would involve much time, often over many weeks, and extra payment, he says.

The Crown Prosecution Service would also have the power to discontinue cases up to the point of trial.

Proposals to improve judges' competence

BY FRANCES GIBB

RADICAL measures to improve the training of judges and monitor their performance are proposed by the royal commission as part of a full-scale onslaught on "a disquieting lack of professional competence" that it found.

The commission calls for substantial funds to train judges, including training in awareness of race and possibly gender; and says refresher training every three years should be compulsory. The judiciary should also set up "an effective formal system of performance appraisal," it says. The presiding and resident judges on circuit should have the main role in this, but members of the bar should also be able to comment on judges' performances.

The commission also urges tougher sanctions to tackle incompetence across the board. Judges are urged to impose cost penalties, reduce lawyers' fees and urge formal disciplinary measures for incompetence in court.

No player in the system escapes censure: the Crown Prosecution Service "could do more to prepare cases better", and to ensure weak cases do not get to court, it says. Solicitors' services at police stations are "often inadequate" and lawyers often do not give clients proper advice. As for the bar, it says "not every member knows how to present a criminal case fairly, clearly and without unnecessary repetition".

There is also a clear need for the police to improve their skills in interviewing suspects, it says. Chief constables are urged to make full use of an amended discipline code covering police malpractice, and the bar and Law Society to regulate the conduct of their members. Judges are called on to make more use of "wasted costs" orders (requiring lawyers to pay the costs of a case) or refer cases to the court officer in charge of assessing a lawyer's bill where lawyers have "failed to perform to the minimum acceptable standard of conduct."

Another proposal was to restrict the work new barristers can undertake.

Database for DNA

Other proposals include:

☐ A national DNA database and wider powers for police to take DNA samples, which would put such evidence on a par with fingerprints.
☐ Forensic science to be monitored by a new advisory council.
☐ Full disclosure of scientific material by prosecutions.
☐ Help-line for police to report malpractice among colleagues.
☐ On-the-spot fines, as in Scotland, for minor offences.
☐ A 30-minute time limit on barristers' closing speeches; judges to act firmly to control "bullying and intimidatory tactics" by counsel.
☐ New rules of conduct to ensure barristers read papers promptly.
☐ Crown Prosecution Service power to halt cases at any point up to trial.
☐ Review of fees for lawyers doing criminal legal aid work.
☐ Greater admission of hearsay evidence.
☐ Defendant's previous convictions to be made known to jury where facts in case are admitted.

A rare bird among the Great and the Good

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

LORD Runciman of Doxford, Garry to his friends, is one of those rare creatures among the Great and the Good who has been a success in the City as well as a star in the academic world.

A third strand in his life has been his support for such causes close to the heart of the liberal establishment as the Child Poverty Action Group and the Prison Reform Trust. A family trust provides backing for both organisations.

His affluence comes from being born into a wealthy Northumbrian shipping dynasty whose company, Walter Runciman plc, provided Sir

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Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, with employment in the early 1960s. Lord Runciman's aunt is Sir Nicholas's stepmother.

A lover of fine wine, good food and music, Lord Runciman, 58, relaxes by reading poetry, particularly Philip Larkin, and playing very competitive tennis. One friend said: "He is scrupulously fair but it is different on the tennis court. You need an umpire because there are often close calls."

He and his wife Ruth live comfortably in St John's Wood and have homes in Berkshire and Northumberland, where he enjoys walking in the Cheviot hills and on the deserted beaches of the northeast coast.

His wife, deputy chairman of the Prison Reform Trust, said: "Although his family would say they are from the Scottish borders, Garry considers himself a Northumbrian. He is very attached to Northumberland and the Cheviot hills."

Lord Runciman, whose mother was American, was educated at Eton and Cambridge, where he took a first in both parts of the classical tripos and a first in the history tripos before switching to sociology. He has been a fellow of Trinity College since 1971. According to friend he has a traditionalist view that there are public responsibilities that go with great wealth.

The Runciman's have one son, also a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and two daughters.

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THE Royal Commission on Criminal Justice has just published its report, at a time of crisis in the criminal justice system. *The Times* and the LSE Mannheim Centre are holding a conference on July 27 to examine the issues raised by the commission's investigation of the criminal justice system in England and Wales.

Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, will open this first public debate on the commission's findings. Speakers at the one-day debate include Viscount Runciman, the chairman of the royal commission, Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions; Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police; Lord Williams of Mostyn and Gareth Peirce, a leading defence solicitor.

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are welcomed among the police but meet a hostile reception from civil liberty groups

Lawyers condemn erosion of right to elect jury trial

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS and civil liberty groups attacked proposals curtailing the right to trial by jury, but police welcomed many of the recommendations in the 261-page report. One senior Scotland Yard officer said that "at least the playing field is a little more level".

Lawyers fears that defendants could soon face an increasingly uphill struggle. The commission was accused by one leading barrister of exceeding its brief and by a former judge of not going far enough.

Michael Mansfield QC said that the commission had taken up areas that were not part of its remit, especially trial by jury. The juries were seen as the cornerstone of the system and yet defences were being denied the right to go to them. He believed that there was an insidious attempt to move towards abolition.

Nothing had been suggested about changing the system for appointing and training judges, nor for independent overseeing of police investigations, he said. The independent review body on miscarriages of justice did not go far enough, and the use of uncorroborated confessions had not been ended.

Sir Frederick Lawton, a former appeal court judge, said that the cause of the current problems lay in police performance. Everything depended on the quality of the evidence but recent cases tended to show that police had not always presented all the evidence to the court and that some has been tainted. It was time to move to a system where the evidence was gathered and presented under independent supervision, as in France and other parts of the Continent, but the commission had not examined such a system in depth.

Charles Elly, deputy vice-president of the Law Society and former chairman of the Law Society's criminal law committee, said that the commission's support for the right to silence was welcome, but there would be strong opposition to the recommendations that defendants should lose the right to choose jury trial. He said: "The recommendation can only have been based on the interests of cost-cutting, not of justice."

Roger Smith, of the Legal Action Group, also said: "Regrettably, the measures reflect a desire to improve the efficiency of administration rather than the effectiveness of justice." The Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers called the report a prosecutor's charter and said that it was fatally flawed.

Rosemary Thomson, deputy chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said: "Although we appreciate the confidence expressed in us by the royal commission, nevertheless it seems wrong to take away the right to elect trial in the Crown Court."

John Rowe QC, chairman of the Bar Council, said: "It is vital that there is public confidence in the criminal justice system, and we are therefore deeply concerned that one of the commission's major recommendations is to abolish the automatic right of defendants to trial by jury. The jury system is an essential constitutional safeguard against miscarriages of justice, and must be retained. The central failure of the report, in our view, is that it has not analysed why these miscarriages occurred, or made sufficient recommendations to prevent future miscarriages."

Mr Rowe added that the council fully supported the aim of ensuring that barristers provided the best possible service to those they represented in court. It was accepted that a small number fell short of what was acceptable.

Richard Ferguson QC, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, also said that there would be opposition to cutting back the right to trial. "Once you start tinkering with that, you are tinkering with a fundamental freedom. This is one part of the report with which we vehemently disagree." Removing such an important constitutional right was likely to involve unequal treatment of defendants, favouring those whom society views as being more respectable than others, he said.

John Burrows, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers and chief constable of Essex, said the police felt that many of their points had been taken up, especially the value of genetic testing. There was also some disappointment that the right to silence had not been tempered by the right to comment.

Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation, said his organisation would accept the recommendation for a lower standard of proof for police discipline hearings. The standard of proof should not be beyond reasonable doubt but on the balance of probabilities.





MICHAEL POWELL

A view from the bar: Anesta Weekes, above, a criminal barrister in London, was disappointed by the recommendation to abolish the automatic right to jury trial. "A large majority of the public from all races and classes still perceive that a jury trial is a fairer form of justice than trial by magistrates. That perception is not flattering to magistrates but one cannot ignore the public's perception. Trial in a magistrate court is not 'trial by your peers'."



"I am somewhat disappointed with the report. In my opinion they have done a repair job. They have not investigated the inquisitorial system in depth. The English are very reluctant to change the system." — Sir Frederick Lawton, former appeal judge.



"A well-balanced report that addresses the reasons the Royal Commission was set up. General reaction is one of recognising a number of points we made have been taken on board." — John Burrow, president of Association of Chief Police Officers and Essex chief constable.



"Basically we have ended up with a compromise and a whitewash. We will be back here in ten years time. This commission was set up to eradicate or help to eradicate wrongful convictions but I don"t see it has done very much in that direction." — Mike Mansfield QC.

Baker acted after series of errors

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Within hours of the release of the Birmingham Six in 1991, after the Court of Appeal quashed their convictions for pub bombings 15 years before, Kenneth Baker, then home secretary, announced a wholesale review of the criminal justice system.

The Birmingham Six case had raised a number of serious issues "which must be a cause of concern to us all". The royal commission's terms of reference were sweeping: not only the investigation of crime, its prosecution and the appeals machinery were to come under review, but also the entire adversarial system.

The move was partly a damage-limitation exercise: a sign of nervousness over what might lie in the pipeline. The full impact of the release of the six Irishmen convicted in 1974 of murdering 21 people in two Birmingham public houses had scarcely been felt. But that case marked the culmination of a series of high-profile miscarriages of justice which had already battered the legal system's reputation.

Less than two years earlier, in October 1989, the Guildford Four walked free from the Old Bailey after 14 years' imprisonment and the government had

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been forced to set up a a full judicial inquiry. The Guildford Four case was the start of a slow collapse of cards. In June the next year, 1990, the DPP announced that the convictions of the Maguire Seven imprisoned for 15 years for running an IRA bomb factory were unsafe and unsatisfactory and they too were quashed on appeal.

By the time of the Birmingham Six case, not only the police and prosecution but also the whole judicial machinery for handling alleged miscarriages of justice, including the judges right up to the Court of Appeal, came in for unprecedented criticism.

In November 1991, the Court of Appeal cleared Winston Silcott and two others of the murder of PC Keith Blakelock. They were followed in February 1992 by the clearing of Stefan Kiszko for a murder that, 16 years later, it was found he could not have committed.

In June 1992, Judith Ward was freed after serving 18 years for the M62 coach bombing. This year the Taylor sisters have been cleared of the murder of Alison Shaughnessy.

The royal commission is the second in a decade on the criminal justice system. The public will be looking to Lord Runciman's report, and then to the government, as the last chance for the criminal justice system to put its house in order.

Looking at crime inside and out

BY FRANCES GIBB AND RICHARD FORD

FEW royal commissions have investigated Britain's criminal justice system with such thoroughness. Two years of work have taken members from the inside of a top-security prison to the highest courts in the land.

Lord Runciman's study, which cost £2.5 million, has taken him and his ten colleagues into prisons, courts, police stations and out on patrol with officers in east London.

As well as submissions from senior legal figures, including the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the commission heard from Judith Ward, whose conviction for the M62 bombing was quashed last year, and Prisoner WV3241.

Members of the commission visited Brixton jail in south London, while Lord Runciman spent three hours with 20 inmates of Long Lartin prison, near Evesham, Worcestershire. Lord Runciman went on patrol in east London with the Metropolitan Police and other commission members learned about the practice rather than theory of policing by visiting officers in stations at Islington, north London, Liverpool, and Newcastle upon Tyne.

In addition to formal visits to police stations, every member of the royal commission was assigned a police station they were encouraged to visit on an informal basis at any time of the day or night.

One commission member said that Lord Runciman has been a "hard taskmaster" who had expected his pound of flesh from his team.

He has demanded high standards from other commission members, all of whom have full-time jobs, but were paid a daily attendance sum. During meetings Lord Runciman ran the commission democratically with every sentence of the report agreed by all members.

Another member of the commission was Robert Bunyard, former chief constable of Essex and presently commandant of the Police Staff College at Bramshill.

English invention that was exported across the world

BY ALAN HAMILTON

Nothing is perfect, as Shakespeare appreciated as well as anyone: "The jury, passing on a prisoner's life, may in the sworn twelve have a thief or two, guiltier than him they try."

The origin of the notion that the accused be judged by a panel of his peers is lost in antiquity, but it is an idea that seems quintessentially English. Juries of a kind may have existed in Saxon England, before 1066, or the Normans may have brought the idea with them.

What is fairly certain is that, in its infant version, it was not the jury we know now. Jurors were originally witnesses from the neighbourhood of the alleged crime who merely passed on what they knew. The sharp distinction between juror and witness was not an everyday concept in 11th century England. Justice, like life in general, was somewhat rougher then.

In those darker ages, innocence or guilt were determined often by methods which, in our supposedly enlightened vision, would seem thoroughly unreasonable or indeed daft by any logical analysis. The most common was torture, in all its bizarre variety: if the prisoner could withstand unspeakable physical acts being committed on his person, he was presumed innocent.

The breakdown of medieval society changed all that, with the population achieving greater mobility and drifting from country to town. Even by the beginning of the 15th century, jury trials had become commonplace: a degree of enlightenment within the judiciary realised that some means was necessary to establish the facts of a case.

Legal authorities generally agree that they were an important factor in centralising the English courts and helping to establish the basic principles of common law.

Jury trial was exported around the world by the growth of the British Empire, whose first principles were to subdue the natives and then impose on them English religion and English law. Jury trial survives in the more important of our former colonies, notably the United States, which is said to account for 90 per cent of all the jury trials in the world.

Another force for spreading the gospel of the jury was the French Revolution. Seen as an important symbol of popular government, it was implanted by Napoleon wherever he went a-conquering in Europe. Its use in continental Europe was generally limited to big crimes or political crimes against the state. Nor was it universally admired; the moment Napoleon was defeated, The Netherlands and Luxembourg immediately abolished his supposedly enlightened legal ways.

In that swath of the world that never tasted the benefits of British imperialism, the jury fell rapidly out of favour in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It was, for example, discontinued for treason in Prussia in 1850, abandoned altogether in Hungary in 1919 and, equally conclusively, thrown out of the window in Weimar Germany in 1924.

Totalitarian regimes do not care for juries. They were abolished during the German occupation of France in 1940 and never restored. Soviet and fascist states abolished them outright and Japan did away with them in 1943 after only the briefest flirtation with the system.

But the English have cherished them as a cornerstone of our national fabric. Blackstone, the great legal authority, wrote in 1830 that trial by jury "ever has been, and I trust ever will be, looked upon as the glory of English law". Lord Devlin thought juries "the lamp that shows freedom lives" and a recent Lord Chancellor, Lord Elwyn Jones, could recall only one case in which he had doubts about conviction by a jury.

But the most potent argument on behalf of juries was put in the early years of this century by Lord Halsbury. They were, he believed, generally more right than judges.

Independent review authority could face a heavy workload

Anthony Edwards says that the commission's recommendations are in danger of leading to further injustice

THE Royal Commission aims to set new standards for defence solicitors. It relies heavily on the profession to remove the causes of many miscarriages of justice.

However, its recommendations could lead to further injustice if lawyers are not able to acquire the necessary skills and maintain the standards that the commission sets.

And this will require a commitment from government not seen to date.

At the investigative stage, specialist solicitors recognise that there is a need for minimum standards in the provision of advice in the police station. The work is demanding and requires a clear understanding of the lawyer's role.

Many police officers lack that understanding and remain aggressive and hostile. Therefore, the preservation of the right to silence at this stage was an essential protection for those being held.

The commission outlines proposals for the further training of police officers in interview technique. Above all, this will need to concentrate on the dangers of questioning in a coercive fashion.

Plea bargaining is to be brought into the open, but has great dangers if not carefully handled. Defence lawyers will require skill and experience to prevent vulnerable defendants from entering improper admissions of guilt.

There will be particular concern about the way in which sanctions against lawyers, which are recommended by the commission, are to operate.

There is no justification for inefficiency, but there is a need to test a prosecution case. Sanctions must not be allowed to frighten lawyers into doing anything less than a full job.

To discover an unjust prosecution takes experience, time, skill and money. The profession must be allowed to do that work fearlessly.

SOLICITOR'S VIEW

The first impressions of the report of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice leave an uneasy impression that there could be all too much work for its new independent review authority, which is being established to consider allegations of miscarriage of justice.

profession is allowed time to consider the prosecution's case. There are dangers if the difficulties of working with many defendants are not recognised.

The prosecution's failure to disclose has been a major cause of miscarriages of justice in the past.

There will be concern that the commission appears to authorise the police to decide what is and what is not relevant. Lawyers will have to be keen to ensure that there is full judicial control.

☐ *Anthony Edwards is secretary of the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association*

High-profile trials haunt the judiciary

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

APPEALS PENDING

EVEN if Lord Runciman has attempted to address the profound implications of the Birmingham Six affair, a series of causes célèbres continue to haunt the criminal justice system.

Following the example set by the miscarriages of justice linked to Irish terrorism, the most celebrated cases have support groups and are skilled in attracting media attention.

After the Birmingham Six and the Guildford Four, it was perhaps inevitable that those convicted of the killing of Carl Bridgewater would be transformed into the Bridgewater Four. Officials in the Home Office are considering new material presented by supporters of three men jailed for killing Carl, 13, who disturbed a burglary at Yew Tree Farm, near Stourbridge, West Midlands, in 1978.

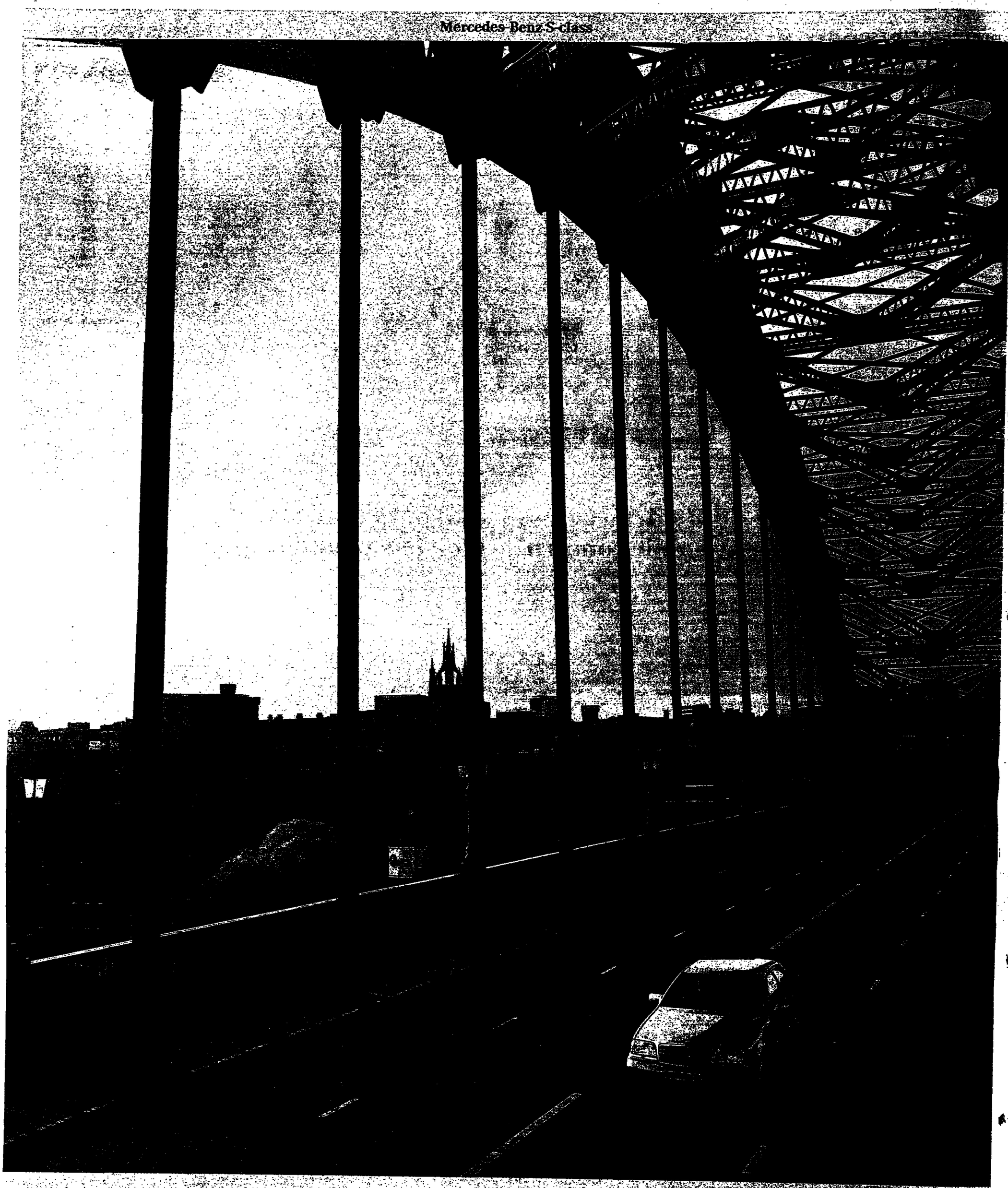
Michael Hickey, 17 at the time, was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure. His cousin Vincent Hickey and James Robinson were jailed for life at Stafford Crown Court in 1979 for the murder. Patrick Molloy, convicted of manslaughter, died in jail. An appeal in 1987 failed and earlier this year Kenneth Clarke, then home secretary, refused to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal for a second review.

The case of Edward Browning, 37, jailed for life for the murder of Marie Wilkes, a pregnant woman whose car had broken down on the M50, has been referred to the appeal court after the discovery of evidence not disclosed at his trial.

The material relates to a recording of a key witness at the trial taken partly while he was under hypnosis, in which he contradicts much of the evidence he was later to give in court. Mrs Wilkes had her throat cut and was pushed down an embankment.

Judgment has been reserved in the appeal by three men jailed for life for a murder and other attacks during a night of terror in Surrey villages linked by the M25 motorway. The convictions, the appeal court has been told, were unsafe and founded on a "bedrock of doubt".

Counsel for Raphael Rowe and Michael Davis, two of the three serving life for murder, said there was no scientific evidence such as blood, fibres, soil or fingerprints linking them with the crimes, including the murder of Peter Hurburgh, a hairdresser.



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Mates omitted 'more serious' allegations in the Commons

■ The former Northern Ireland minister hopes one day it will be shown how the City and institutions "stitched up" Asil Nadir

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND ANGELA MACKAY

MICHAEL Mates abandoned half his resignation speech to the Commons, containing two more serious allegations about the treatment of Asil Nadir, because he wanted to "concentrate his firepower on the Serious Fraud Office".

The former Norther Ireland minister made the claim in an interview with *The Times* yesterday at his office near the Commons.

"The way in which the City stitched him up in 1986 was outrageous," Mr Mates said. "Institutions did dreadful things to him and I hope one day this will all come out, but I really felt that I had to focus what I had to say."

He is unrepentant and unswerving in his condemnation of the way "the system" treated Mr Nadir and does not feel he has been duped by the fugitive tycoon. Reports in newspapers over the weekend which detailed allegations of a plot by Mr Nadir to bribe the judge, and rebuttals of all Mr Mates's allegations, have done nothing to change his views.

"Everything that has emerged since my resignation speech has confirmed what I'm saying. I've said nothing for which I don't have evidence. Other stories of wrongdoing by the SFO have come out of which I've no detailed knowledge, but the sum total has increased pressure for the independent enquiry for which I have called."

He concedes that Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, would have been right to intervene to stop him making the allegations he did had she not cited *sub judice* as the reason but suggested that his remarks might have been contempt of court outside the House.

"However, she didn't and, of course, I believe I was using the power of the House rather than abusing it. If I had not been allowed to make my speech, none of this would have come out.

"The SFO was set up as the result of an independent enquiry which focused on the unsatisfactory way in which the Fraud Squad was operating. Now there are very serious reasons for looking at the way in which the SFO is operating."

He admits to two errors of judgment that "cost me dear". The first was the gift of a watch inscribed "Don't let the buggers get you down" at a dinner given for Mr Nadir on his birthday attended by Christopher Morgan, Mr Nadir's public relations adviser, and Anthony Scrivener QC, his former counsel.

The second was dining with Mr Morgan at the Reform Club on the night one of his letters to the attorney-general was published in the *Daily Mail*.

"I wanted to ask him, face to face, who he thought had leaked the letter, Christopher, an old and dear friend of mine, had intended to have supper alone but agreed to see me. It proves that you can't trust the Reform Club; it would never have happened at the Garrick."

He does not know now what he will do next. "I can't shut up but I don't want to become obsessional, although I do want this public enquiry into the whole affair so that people will see why I did what I did. I must pick up the pieces."

Meanwhile, Coopers & Lybrand, administrators of Polly Peck International, visited northern Cyprus last Friday for the first time since Mr Nadir absconded in May.

They did not speak to Mr Nadir and spent most of their short visit trying to obtain more information about the Polly Peck companies located on the island, the only assets which have not yet been extensively examined and valued.

MICHAEL POWELL



Last time out: Henry Cooper displays his three Lonsdale Belts which will be auctioned by Sotheby's on July 12 to help him to pay his debts at Lloyd's. Mr Cooper, 59, is the only fighter in the history of British boxing to win three of the famous trophies outright. He emphasised that he was not bankrupt but was selling the belts to help his cash flow. The three trophies could make him up to £100,000.

Allitt's drug access 'of public concern'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE question of how the child-killer nurse Beverly Allitt obtained the drugs with which she injected her victims in hospital was one of gravest public concern which had to be investigated to restore confidence, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

The call came from Augustus Ullstein QC as unions and families of Allitt's victims renewed their legal challenge over a decision by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, not to order a public enquiry into the affair.

Allitt killed four youngsters, tried to murder three and assaulted six others at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital, Lincolnshire. Mr Ullstein said one of the most important issues was what controls existed over staff obtaining and using drugs. He told the Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, and Lords Justices Steyn and Hoffman that Allitt injected the children with drugs they did not need and which were bound to be harmful.

Mr Ullstein was appearing for David Crampton, whose two-year-old son Paul survived a murder attempt by Allitt. Mr Crampton, supported by the parents of other victims, is appealing against Mrs Bottomley's decision. The families have joined with the Royal College of Nursing and the health workers' union Cohse in seeking leave for a judicial review of her decision.

One reason Mrs Bottomley gave was wanting to avoid distress for staff who would be required to give evidence. The unions say staff are not concerned about distress and are anxious that public confidence in the care of children at the hospital be restored.

The hearing continues today.

Rail porter killed for a few pounds

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TWO teenagers were yesterday found guilty at the Old Bailey of battering to death a 60-year-old British Rail porter, who refused to hand over money in a street robbery.

Stephen Donelan was attacked while walking to catch a train to Victoria station, central London, where he worked on the Gatwick Express. The Old Bailey jury was told that he usually carried only the few pounds necessary to buy his supper.

Marlon Manning and Wola Oyelowo, both aged 17, from Peckham, south London, were sentenced to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure after being found guilty of murder and robbery. Judge Michael Coombe said it was appalling that people could be attacked in this way.

Mr Donelan had worked for British Rail for 35 years and was said by police to have led a blameless existence. "He could be held up as the very model of a family man," one officer said. His wife, Bridie, said: "My husband did not have an enemy in the world. He lived for his family and always went to church."

Michael Worsley QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Donelan was attacked in Peckham on October 9 last year. He was left dying on the pavement by the robbers who emptied his pockets of every penny he had. He was rushed to hospital but died two days later from severe head injuries inflicted by a weapon similar to a baseball bat or a snooker cue.

The judge told the two youths: "This case involved the murder of a thoroughly decent man on his way to work. Because he didn't give in as easily as you both hoped he would, he was killed."

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

AS THE *Times* World Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short approaches, I continue my sequence of all the games played between the two contenders in past tournaments. Today's game was played in Amsterdam in 1991 and was a closely contested Sicilian Defence where they fought each other to a standstill.

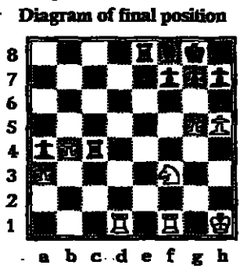
White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
Amsterdam 1991

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	f4	Qc7
7	Be2	e6
8	Bf3	Nc6
9	Be3	Be7
10	0-0	0-0
11	Kh1	Bd7
12	g4	Nxd4
13	Bxd4	Bc6
14	g5	Nd7
15	Bg2	b5
16	a3	a5
17	Qe2	Rab8
18	b4	Rfe8
19	Rad1	Bf8
20	Rd3	e5
21	Be3	exd4
22	Bxd4	Ne5
23	Rh3	Bd7
24	Nd5	Qc4
25	Qxc4	Nxc4
26	Rd3	a4
27	h4	Rbc8
28	h5	Bg4
29	Bf3	Bxf3+
30	Rdxf3	Rxe4
31	Nc3	d5
32	Nxb5	d4
33	Rd1	Ne5
34	Rff1	Rxc2
35	Nxd4	Rc4
36	Rxe5	Rxe5
37	Nf3	Re8

Draw agreed

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

Playing a blinder

For experienced players, playing chess without sight of the board is not as difficult as it may appear. In the recent Monaco tournament, the Hungarian Polgar sisters relaxed between rounds by playing blindfold games in which they were restricted to two minutes to complete all their moves.

The Southern Counties junior organiser Bruce Birchall has submitted the following reader's game which he played blindfold against a group of pub regulars.

White: The British Oak
Black: B. Birchall
Westbourne Park 1993

Irregular Opening

1	Nc3	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d3	d5
4	Be3	d4
5	Bf4	dxc3
6	bxc3	Nf6
7	d4	e6
8	e3	Qa5
9	Qd2	Be7
10	Rb1	Nd5
11	Bg5	f6
12	Bf4	0-0
13	c4	Ndb4
14	Ra1	Nxc2+
15	Kd1	Nxa1
16	Qb2	Qa4+
17	Kc1	cxd4
18	Qxa1	Ba3+
19	Kd2	Bb4+
20	Kd3	Bc3
21	Qc1	e5
22	Bg3	Bf5+
23	e4	Nb4+
24	Ke2	Bxe4
25	Nxe5	fxe5
26	Bxe5	Bd3 mate

Championship update

Tickets for the *Times* championship between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short include a guaranteed seat, free glass of champagne, souvenir programme, chess book and use of a personal Predict-a-move advanced computer game system fitted into every seat in the Savoy Theatre, London. Play is from 3.30pm to 9.30pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from September 7 to October 30.

Any adjourned games, to which ticket holders will be admitted free, will continue the following day at the theatre at the same starting time.

Times readers booking a seat during July will also be entitled to a free lunch at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the traditional home of chess.

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Father is cleared of baby death

A MAN was yesterday cleared of fatally wounding his four-month-old daughter while she was still in the womb, in a case the judge described as unique. Sasha Brady died 121 days after Michael Brady stabbed her mother in the stomach.

Robert Smith QC, for the prosecution, alleged at Leeds Crown Court that Brady, 25, who denied murder, was guilty because the attack caused Sasha to be born four months prematurely.

Mr Smith said that during a violent, drunken row in May 1990, Brady, of Leeds, plunged a kitchen knife into the stomach of Mandy Walker, his pregnant girl friend, damaging the unborn baby.

However, after three days of legal submissions by Simon Hawkesworth QC, for the defence, and Mr Smith, the judge directed the jury to find Brady, who is serving four years for wounding Miss Walker, not guilty of murder or manslaughter.

Mr Justice Holland said no one had been prosecuted for murder in such circumstances. He agreed with Mr Hawkesworth, who had said that to commit murder, one had to kill another person and at the time the mother was stabbed, Sasha was a foetus and not, in law, another person.

Attacks by schizophrenics blamed on lack of cash

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PSYCHIATRISTS warned yesterday that the community care policy was heading for trouble unless the government invested more money in providing for mentally ill people.

Responding to three recent cases in which schizophrenic patients have violently attacked strangers after being discharged from mental hospitals, the Royal College of Psychiatrists accused ministers of neglecting the mentally ill.

In an indictment of the government's record, Professor Andrew Sims, the outgoing president of the college, speaking on the opening day of its annual conference in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, said that the proportion of the NHS's budget spent on the mentally ill had fallen by a quarter since the early 1980s, from 15 per cent to 11 per cent.

"Unless the government injects more resources into community care it cannot be carried out adequately. That will be a disaster for patients and a disaster for the community," he said.

On Monday, an Old Bailey jury convicted Derry McBean, a schizophrenic patient, of raping three women in south-east London after being discharged from a mental hospital. Last week, two schizophrenic patients, Michael Buchanan and Christopher Clunis, were convicted on separate counts of murder of victims unknown to them.

The cases prompted Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, to promise urgent action to change the law to ensure that patients discharged from mental hospitals are properly supervised once in the community.

The college said that the task would be impossible without extra resources. Setting out what it called the "essential minimum" for caring for patients with schizophrenia, Professor Sims called for more psychiatrists and better training for GPs, as well as more short-stay acute hospital beds and the introduction of a community supervision order, which would ensure patients continue to attend for treatment after their discharge from hospital.

Professor Sims said the recent incidents of violence by schizophrenic patients could not be blamed on the community care policy but was a direct result of the lack of funding for it. "It is community neglect, not community care," he said.

A review of the law governing patients discharged from hospital was ordered by Mrs Bottomley last Christmas, after Ben Silcock, a schizophrenic patient, was badly mauled after jumping into the lion's enclosure at London zoo.

The Commons health select committee is due to report on community supervision orders today and recommendations from the government are expected to be published later this month.



Bottomley: promises changes to the law

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Aid worker's death 'was not in vain'

BY ANDREW COLLIER

ALAN Witcutt, whose wife Christine was shot dead by a sniper on Monday in Sarajevo, yesterday accompanied her remains to a military base in Ancona, Italy, on the way back to Britain.

The couple, aid workers from Wishaw, Strathclyde, were in Bosnia with the relief agency Edinburgh Direct Aid. They were travelling in different lorries in a convoy which came under gunfire.

Mr Witcutt, 63, like his late wife a Christadelphian, said yesterday: "I am trying to forgive the men who killed my wife. I believe my religious convictions will overcome my feelings. I believe Christine's death was not in vain."

He said he planned to return to Sarajevo one day in her memory. "I do think the work I am doing should go on. When I saw the conditions in Sarajevo I knew the work had to continue or the city will die."

Another volunteer with the charity, Brian Horne, flew out of Bosnia with Mr Witcutt. At the time of the attack Mr Horne had been in the front of the lorry with Mrs Witcutt, on a notorious road on the outskirts of Sarajevo known as Sniper's Alley.

Mr Horne said yesterday: "A heavy-calibre bullet came through the window on my side, missing me by inches, and hit Christine. She would not have known what hit her. She did not make a sound. I did what I could for her while the driver went for cover at a checkpoint, but there was nothing anyone could do."

The couple's daughter Julie, 19, a student, said yesterday: "I am very proud of my mum. So would anyone else be. The snipers firing there all have different beliefs, so you cannot tell which one fired that bullet. There is good and bad in all the sides."

□ Four aid workers from Manchester were last week robbed at gunpoint in Mostar, central Bosnia, in an area of fighting between Muslim and Croat forces. One of the leaders of the team, Lynne Gillett, back home in Chorlton, said the four had driven into the city to deliver medical supplies. As they were returning, three men ordered one of the group to hand over his camera. It was later returned after the intervention of a Croat commander.

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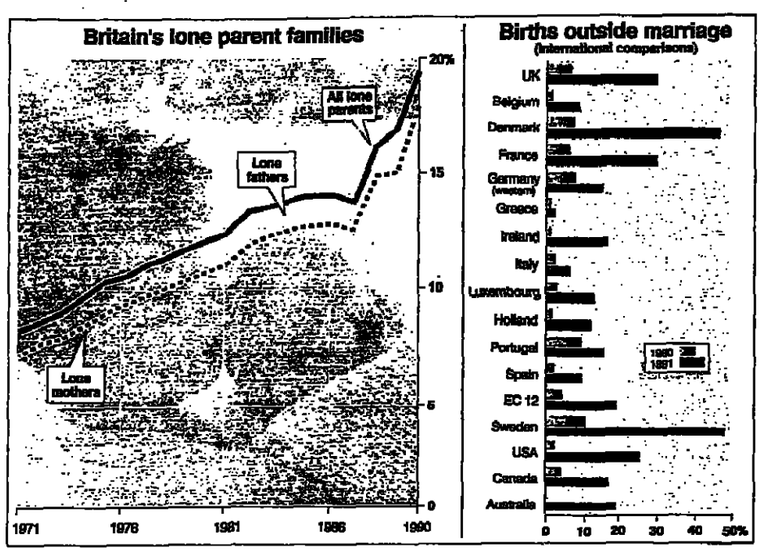
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Two million children are being brought up by lone parents



BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

■ Britain's rise to fourth place in the developed world's league of births outside marriage is, some believe, likely to leave the youngsters badly disadvantaged

BRITAIN has the fourth highest percentage of births outside marriage in the developed world. Only Sweden, Denmark and France have a higher incidence.

In the past decade the number of births outside marriage has more than doubled to one in three, a rise produced by the growing number of single, divorced and separated mothers. Moreover, while one in two lone parents received some form of maintenance in 1979, that figure has fallen to one in three.

The proportion of families in Britain headed by lone parents increased from 8 per cent in 1971 to 19 per cent in 1991, but the proportion of lone fathers has remained stable at 2 per cent. One in five families with children is headed by a single parent, accounting for 2.2 million children.

There are considerable regional variations. According to the latest census data issued by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, nearly a third of the 500,000 children in inner London come from lone-parent families.

In the London borough of Lambeth, 41.6 per cent of children are from single-parent families, as are more than a third of children in Southwark, Islington, Hammersmith and Fulham, Hackney and Lewisham.

In 1981, the number of births outside marriage in the North, Yorkshire and Humberside and the east Midlands were 13.2 per cent, 13.5 per cent and 12.6 per cent respectively. By 1991 these figures had increased to 35 per cent, 32.1 per cent and 29.7 per cent.

Nearly 90 per cent of lone-parent families are headed by women. A small percentage of this figure is accounted for by widows and middle-class divorcées. By far the most are young working-class women living on low incomes. About 70 per cent receive income support, with 40 per cent entirely dependent on the state.

Benefits for lone parents cost the taxpayer £4.3 billion in 1990-1, compared with £1.3 billion in 1981-2, making it one of the fastest growing sections of the social security budget. In an interview with *The Times* last month, Alistair Burt, the social security minister, said that although the government could not legislate for stable parental relationships, it was determined to promote responsible parenthood through the new Child Support Agency. Since April, lone parents on income support, family credit or disability working allowance must provide information to the agency about the absent parent, so they can be traced and notified of their legal obligation to provide maintenance. The agency's target is to cut £530 million from the social security budget by reducing the number of lone parents dependent on the state.

Government attempts to revitalise the ethic of responsible parenting have received support from across the political spectrum. Socialists such as Professor Albert Halsey of Nuffield College, Oxford, argue that the children of lone parents tend to die earlier, to have more illness, to do less well at school, to suffer more unemployment, to be more prone to crime and deviance and finally to repeat the cycle of unstable parenting from which they themselves have been formed.

Critics insist, however, that the government is unfairly targeting one of the most disadvantaged social groups.

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The single life: raising a baby alone means learning to overcome many hardships such as homelessness, isolation and depression

Tory group plans radical overhaul of welfare system

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS for a radical overhaul of the welfare state, including the scrapping of child benefit, are being drawn up by an influential group of Thatcherite ministers and MPs.

The No Turning Back Group, which counts Peter Lilley, the social services secretary, and Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the treasury, among its membership of about 25, will call for an end to the complex system of separate but overlapping benefits for different groups of people.

Instead, individuals or families would face strict means-testing — or "needs-testing" as the NTBG prefers — on a points-scoring basis. Single mothers, for instance, would no longer be eligible for income support, housing benefit, child benefit and lone parent premiums. Instead, their entitlement to state support would be scored on the basis of their individual circumstances.

The group believes its approach would produce big savings in the fast-rising £80 billion-a-year social security budget, by targetting money on those most in need and removing it from middle class families capable of managing on their own. They also say their blueprint would give the poor an incentive to seek work because it would not create the same poverty traps as the existing social security system.

However, with the Tories pledged to continue paying child benefit to mothers and uprating it in line with inflation, the proposals will encounter stiff opposition. They are also likely to be attacked as an assault on the most vulnerable groups in society.

However, one member of the group last night defended the plans for means-testing: "On a simple assessment of need, money would be given to a single mother whose income fell below a certain level, but it would not be wasted on subsidising a duchess's dress allowance. We want to give less to the dukes and duchesses so we can give more to the dustman and his wife."

The NTBG's plans, set out in a draft report and leaked to *The Times*, also envisage a gradual end to the state pension for the middle classes. Better-off people would be given incentives to opt out of the state fund and take out private pension schemes. The pension age for men and women would be equalised at 65 or 67-years of age.

The group had intended to publish its report before the end of the month, but members are worried about rocking the boat so close to the critical Christchurch by-election, widely expected to be on July 29. Publication of its ideas could now be delayed until late September.

The report was drafted by backbenchers in the group, who include Bernard Jenkin, John Whittingdale, Alan Duncan and Iain Duncan-Smith, but the ministerial members are being briefed on its politically explosive contents.

John Redwood, the Welsh secretary and an NTBG member, who sparked the single mother debate with his weekend speech, said yesterday that his postbag showed "enormous support" for the idea that society should encourage young people to make a go of marriages and relationships if they have children.

Peter Thurnham, Tory MP for Bolton North-East and parliamentary aide to Michael Howard, said that grandparents should help support one-parent families. "By asking grandparents to assume some of the responsibilities for single parent children, there is an incentive in the system for single mothers to be made more aware of their social responsibilities.

"Spreading the responsibility will also encourage some young people to stay at home and in education rather than join the housing list and embark on a life trapped on welfare.

"Financially, it is likely that four grandparents can afford to contribute more than the couple alone."

Benefit may depend upon living in hostel

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley and Michael Portillo have been holding a series of meetings with experts during the past few weeks to draw up a list of options for tackling the rise in lone parents.

Mr Lilley, the social security secretary, is understood to be wary of cutting benefits or penalising single mothers but recognises that something has to be done to control the soaring lone-parent benefit bill, which stands at £6 billion.

The front runner at present is to set up hostels for single parents and to tighten rules that give pregnant, single women priority for council housing. Some ministers have suggested that teenagers are deliberately getting pregnant to jump council house queues.

While Mr Lilley approaches the problem from a practical stand, and John Gummer, the environment secretary, from a moral stand, both argue that an unsupervised council flat is not the best place for a teenager to bring up a child. They want to make it more difficult for young adults to leave home.

Mr Gummer is keen to look at accommodation specifically for young, single mothers, with trained staff to help with the children. Mr Portillo, the chief Treasury secretary, is said to be less enthusiastic as the scheme would involve greater expenditure rather than savings.

One idea being mooted is to make lone-parent benefit conditional on the young, single parent staying in the family home or moving to a special hostel. Those aged up to 21 or 22 would not receive the benefit unless they fulfilled these criteria. Other options include requiring parents to obtain court orders before evicting a daughter with a child and to make them responsible for bringing up the baby within the family, or getting parents to make some financial contribution if their daughter leaves home.

Additional proposals under consideration focus on the absent father. Benefit could also be made conditional on first finding out whether the father is able to pay maintenance or provide some support for the child.

How one woman climbed from despair to confidence

BY BILL FROST

ABANDONED by the man she hoped one day to marry and left to raise their baby alone, Sue King gave up the will to live and attempted suicide.

Fourteen years later she is glad that the father of her daughter walked out. "I was devastated at first, absolutely destroyed. I went into a deep depression and couldn't stop crying. Now I realise that when he walked out it was a blessing in disguise."

Ms King was 20 when she became pregnant and, by her own admission, ill-prepared to deal with parenthood. "I was dipping in and out of jobs and we had nowhere to live."

At first the couple lived apart but once the baby was born they found a flat together in north London. "We talked about marriage but I could tell that my boy friend wasn't willing to face up to the responsibility of fatherhood. Then one day he found an escape route — he just walked out and left us."

Ms King's suicide attempt marked the culmination of a lengthy period of self-doubt, she said yesterday. "I realised then I had to stand on my own two feet for my daughter Kristina's sake and my own survival as a woman. No one else was going to help."

While living on state benefit Ms King went to college to complete her education. "I took an arts course and began to involve myself in voluntary work. I got a job and started to become a person in my own right, not a second-class citizen."

As she grew older Kristina began to ask her mother why they had been abandoned. "From the start I was completely honest with her. I said that her father had left because he could not face up to the pressure of looking after us."

Ms King said she became Kristina's role model — "a woman who can achieve" — once the child realised that any idealised impression of her father was misplaced. "She has not lost anything by not having him around. Kristina is very secure, very caring, very self-confident."

Kristina, who is now 14 and wants to become an airline pilot, was teased at school over her domestic circumstances.

But has the child's view of marriage and traditional family life been permanently soured by her upbringing? "One day Kristina may want to marry. But she has seen through the idea of man as the breadwinner and woman as the homemaker. She knows her own mind and would only choose somebody who could enter into a partnership of equals."

Looking back on her years as a single parent, she added: "I have achieved a lot, for example, I am a school governor now. I always used to rely on others, now I know I can do it myself."

Ms King has nothing but praise for women who bring up their children alone. "I am furious when I hear government ministers attacking lone parents. . . . Instead of threatening to cut benefits they should be looking for a way to help a growing number of people for whom life is harder than any minister will ever know."

Anglicans debate change in values

BY RUTH GLEDHILL,
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHANGING sexual and family mores will be debated by most of the Church of England's parishes this summer.

The church is attempting to respond to the rise in divorce, cohabitation and one-parent families, trends seen as threatening the roots of Judaeo-Christian society.

Cohabitation is among the issues expected to be discussed at the general synod when it meets in York on Friday. The synod will also debate the increasing number of failing clergy marriages.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, chairman of the synod's Board for Social Responsibility, which set up a working party on the family, said: "I firmly believe God's best purpose is for us to grow up with the secure love of two parents. Children undoubtedly flourish better if cared for by both mother and father."

He questioned whether men could be forced to accept responsibility for a partner's child. "In trying to pursue the father, we could get into some grotesque situations where there might be more than one sexual partner." Instead, young men must be challenged to accept their responsibilities during their education or on training schemes. Bishop Sheppard added: "Going to work is the way people have joined the adult world." He questioned whether a "jobless community" could provide adequate training for life or parenthood.

The Bishop of Sherwood, the Right Rev Alan Morgan, chairman of the church working party, is working with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which is sponsoring research projects on the family. According to a Rowntree-sponsored study of children from one-parent families, to be published later this year, by the age of seven, illegitimate children exhibit poorer emotional and social adjustment at school than legitimate children. But where illegitimate children lived alone with their mothers, their behaviour was less "maladjusted" than for those where mothers were living with the natural father or stepfather.

Hope of cure for profound deafness

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

EVIDENCE that cells in the inner ear can be encouraged to regenerate could offer new hope to the profoundly deaf.

This week, a conference at Wye College in Kent will discuss the latest research in a fast-moving field. One of the participants, Professor Jeffrey Corwin of the University of Virginia, said that progress in the past year made him believe that treatments for profound deafness might be available in the next ten years.

In 80 per cent of deaf people the cause is damage to inner ear hair cells. Loud noises, illness and ageing can lead to the destruction of the hair cells which respond to sound waves. Professor Phillipe Lefebvre of Liege University, Belgium, has shown that hair cells from infant rats can be helped to regenerate by culturing them in retinoic acid.

Free health market may harm specialist care, advisers say

BY NICK NUTTALL

A COMPLETELY free market in some specialist areas of health care, such as intensive care units for babies and cardiac surgery, may do more harm than good, research by a government-appointed standards body indicates.

The clinical standards advisory group, set up to advise ministers on the provisions of specialist health care in the light of NHS reforms, concludes that some level of planning is vital if such services are to be delivered efficiently with the maximum impact on waiting lists and quality of life.

The group, chaired by Sir Gordon Higgison, vice-chancellor of Southampton University, looked at four areas of specialist services which, they believe, reflect the state of specialist service. These were neonatal intensive care, childhood leukemia, cystic fibrosis and coronary surgery, including bypass and angioplasty. The group found indications that some providers and purchasers were confused about the levels of specialist services.

Sir David Hull, professor of child health at University Hospital, Nottingham, heading the neonatal intensive care group, said that the team had found sharp divisions between health authority accountants' calculations on the costs of neonatal care which had implications for provisions in a market-led service.

Dr Nuala Sterling, head of the group's cystic fibrosis working group, said there was evidence that some fundholding GPs, faced with rare cases, were cutting back on the amounts of expensive but vital drugs. Other concerns centred on disputes over who paid for certain equipment for cystic fibrosis sufferers.

Sir Terence English, a senior consultant at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, leading the working group on coronary artery bypass grafts and coronary angioplasty, said that the activites of some fundholding GPs were starting to cause difficulties with the management of waiting lists. In the past, lists were based on clincial need, but some GPs were adding patients' names to lists before withdrawing them when they found a shorter list elsewhere.

Sir Terence's group found huge regional and district health authority discrepancies between real rates of heart surgery, national targets and actual rates. The differences between the 42 districts, highlighted for the first time, show that rates for bypass surgery can vary nine-fold, from 105 to 949 operations per million. A national target, described by Sir Terence as extremely modest when compared with such countries as the United States and Australia, called for a rate of 300 per million.

In the North West region, rates for coronary artery bypass can vary between 700 and 300. The differences are blamed partly on a lack of skilled cardiologists in some areas and partly on authorities paying for fewer operations than surgeons deem necessary.

The group, which has given its conclusion and recommendations to Virgina Bottomley, the health secretary, believes that its findings can act as a base line from which the success or failure of the health service reforms can be judged.

French minister urged to review killer's case

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE parents of Fiona Jones, the school teacher murdered in France, yesterday wrote to the French minister of justice asking for a review of the case against her killer.

Bruce and Pat Cottrill have just completed a four-day visit to France as part of their protest campaign against the 15-year prison sentence for Frederic Blancke, which could see him released by the end of the century. Their daughter was killed in August 1989 while on holiday in Compiègne, northern France.

Mrs Cottrill, 56, of Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, said yesterday: "We are writing to the minister of justice to seek this appeal because we feel that for the court to have decided that the murder was not premeditated, when Blancke had actually returned to the scene to kill Fiona, is an insult to, out daughter's memory.

"Our journey to France was worthwhile and we feel we have achieved something. When we spoke to local people about the case they were as outraged as we are by what had happened."

Yesterday the Cottrills were told that the French ambassador in London has agreed to meet them.



Jones: teacher killed while on holiday

Travellers missing in Turkey

TWO British trekkers were missing yesterday in a part of Turkey declared too dangerous for travellers.

David Michel and Tanyajan Miller have not been seen since Sunday, when they left their camp near Tatvan, eastern Turkey, to climb a nearby mountain.

The pair planned to reach a crater lake on Mount Nemrut, officials said. They took walkie-talkie radios but the link was cut off, the report said.

Southeastern Turkey is the scene of fighting between Kurdish separatists and government forces and British travellers have been warned against going there.

A spokeswoman at the British embassy in Ankara said: "We advise people not to go there unless on essential business, but if they do we urge them to contact us or the consul in Istanbul."

The embassy was checking reports of the missing pair.

Car makers wary of pinning hopes on rise in sales

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

■ The motor industry is making a steady recovery, but the crucial test will be August's traditional rush for a new registration

THE steady recovery in the motor industry, regarded by ministers as a key economic indicator, was confirmed yesterday with an 11 per cent increase in new car sales shown in figures for June. But manufacturers warned that the upturn was fragile.

June figures for new car sales were 113,919, compared to 102,566 for the same month last year. Traditionally fewer cars are sold in June as buyers wait for the new August registration.

A better indication of the state of the market is gained from the January to June half-year figures which showed a 9.14 per cent increase over the 1992 figures, with 839,035 cars registered against 768,745.

Roger King, of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "The recovery of the new car market, which has been seen in all but three of the last 15 months, is now clearly established.

"However, because of June's proximity to the August 1 sales rush, it would be unwise to read too much into the size of the percentage increase over last year."

Nick Scheele, chairman of Jaguar Cars, whose United States sales have increased by 20 per cent, warned that recession in Europe could threaten the recovery.

He said that a small cut in interest rates, which could further help the market, should be made only if it did not fuel inflation.

Importers took a 54.48 per cent share of the June market, compared with 56.52 per cent a year ago. Their share of the six months to the end of June was 54.09 per cent, compared with 55.15 per cent a year ago.

Ford, locked in tight competition with Vauxhall and Rover, once again took the biggest share of the market. Unlike the two other companies, many of its cars sold in Britain are manufactured wholly or in part in other European countries.

A good June took Land Rover to a half-year sales figure of 12,298, its highest half-yearly total since production began in 1948.

The half-year saw 161 Rolls-Royce or Bentleys registered, 516 Porsches, 9,982 Mercedes-Benz and 4,913 Ladas.

□ The top ten sellers in June, with half-year figures in brackets, where available, were:

1) Ford Escort: 7,515 (57,798)
2) Vauxhall Cavalier: 6,942 (54,458)
3) Ford Fiesta: 6,753 (56,951)
4) Vauxhall Astra: 6,747 (52,923)
5) Rover 200 series: 6,673 (39,960)
6) Ford Mondeo: 6,484 (26,127)
7) Rover Metro: 4,105 (28,342)
8) Vauxhall Corsa: 3,916
9) Peugeot 405: 3,561 (27,699)
10) Rover 400 Series: 2,810

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Old Master: detail of the Michelangelo work

Drawing sets record

A DRAWING by Michelangelo sold for £4,181,500 yesterday, a record for a drawing by an Old Master.

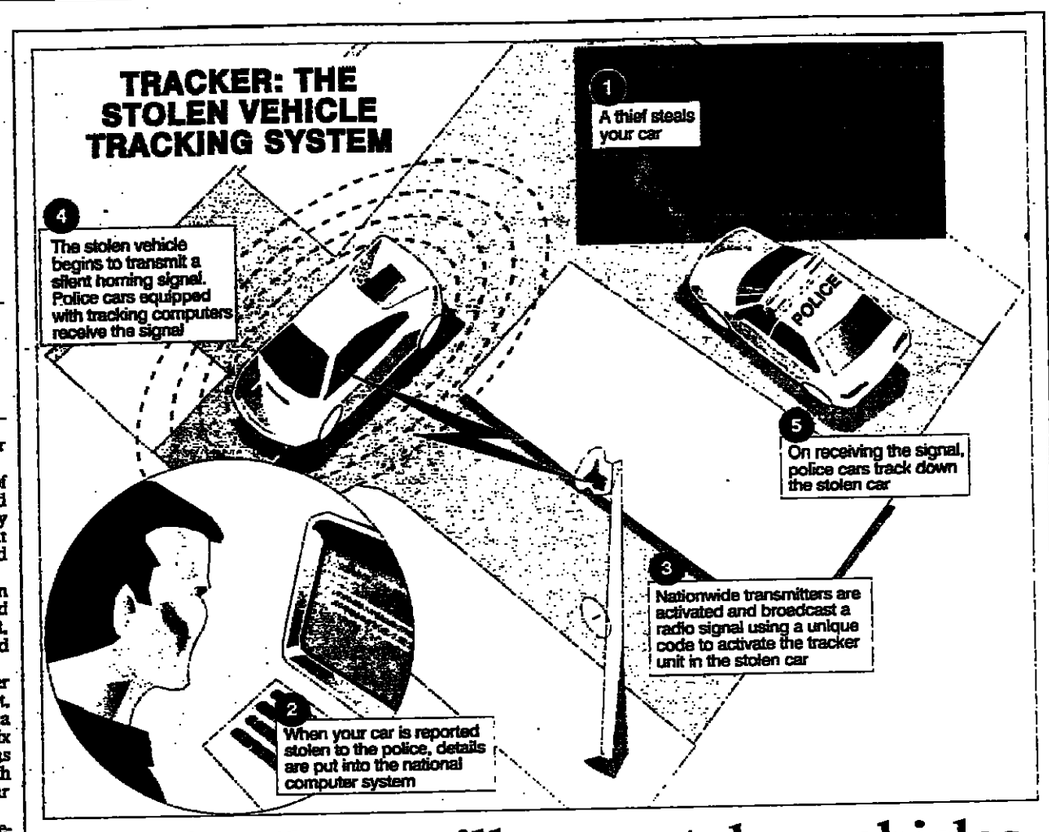
The chalk and ink work, called *Holy Family with the Infant Baptist on the Rest on the Flight into Egypt*, was bought by a representative of Dr George Goldner, curator of drawings at the Getty Museum, California.

A spokesman for Christie's said that although the hammer price was £3.8 million, commission would take the total price to £4,181,500.

Dr Goldner said: "It will be arguably one of the most important drawings in our collection. There are very few by this artist in the whole of the United States."

The previous record for a drawing by an Old Master was £3.7 million, for Leonardo da Vinci's *A Study of Drapery*, sold in Monaco in 1989.

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Hidden 'bug' will trace stolen vehicles

By Tim Jones
transport correspondent

POLICE believe the war against growing car crime could swing in their favour with the introduction yesterday of an electronic device which enables them to track and identify stolen cars.

Tracker units, marketed by the Automobile Association, are hidden in the cars of subscribers, who do not know where the units have been put. There is no indication that a vehicle is fitted with one.

When a vehicle is stolen, the owner, using a confidential personal identification number, reports the theft to the police and the Tracker network, which activates the electronic "bug".

Police officers in patrol cars fitted with tracking computers pick up the reply signal and identify the car's location, registration number, make, model and colour.

The radio transmission can be picked up three miles away in towns and five miles in the countryside. It can be traced even if a stolen car is parked three storeys below ground.

The system will cost £160 to buy and there will be an annual charge of £61 or a single payment of £350. Some insurance companies, which last year lost £736 million through theft, are already offering discounts to motorists who have the system installed.

The device has the backing of the Association of Chief Police Officers and all 51 forces will have vehicles equipped with tracking computers.

More children die in farm accidents

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

THE dangers lurking beneath the surface of rural life were emphasised yesterday in the annual report on farm accidents by the Health and Safety Executive.

There was an 11 per cent drop in the number of people killed on farms last year, from 55 to 49, but the number of child deaths rose from two to eight. Frank Lindsay, the executive's chief agricultural inspector, said: "I am saddened by the unnecessary deaths of children, all under 16. The figures show yet again that agriculture and its associated industries are among the most dangerous in which to work."

Farm machinery was the biggest single cause of accidental deaths. Six people were crushed when the tractors in which they were riding overturned, four were killed by animals, four died after falling through glass roofs or from ladders and trees, and three were killed by falling branches. The public ventured onto farmland at their peril, according to the report, which cites the case of a 53-year-old woman in Dorset who was trampled to death by a herd of dairy cows while walking her dogs. About 50 members of the public, half of them children, are injured on farms every year.

The annual number of injuries to agriculture workers has remained steady at about 2,000 for six years, but this represents a 33 per cent increase in the injury rate because the number of people working on farms has decreased.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Father died after two visits to GP

A father of two collapsed in a pool of blood and died hours after being seen by his GP for the second time in eight days, the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

Tracy Johnson, who lived with Matthew Bacher, 32, in Southall, west London, said Dr Khogeswar Lahon, of Hayes, did not examine him even though he was coughing up blood and had chest and stomach pains. Shortly after the second visit, he died in hospital from a severe gastro-intestinal haemorrhage.

The hearing of the professional conduct committee continues.

Fireball threat

William Abbott, 41, a Jehovah's Witness who threatened to set alight a fellow sect member after a dispute over a car, was ordered to do 200 hours community service after admitting affray. A judge at Chester Crown Court also ordered Abbott, of Birkenhead, to pay his victim £500 compensation.

Police payout

Damages of £105,042 were awarded in the High Court to David Treharne, 47, of River, Kent, who left the police because of injuries suffered when a skateboarder knocked him off his motorcycle in 1989.

Died in action

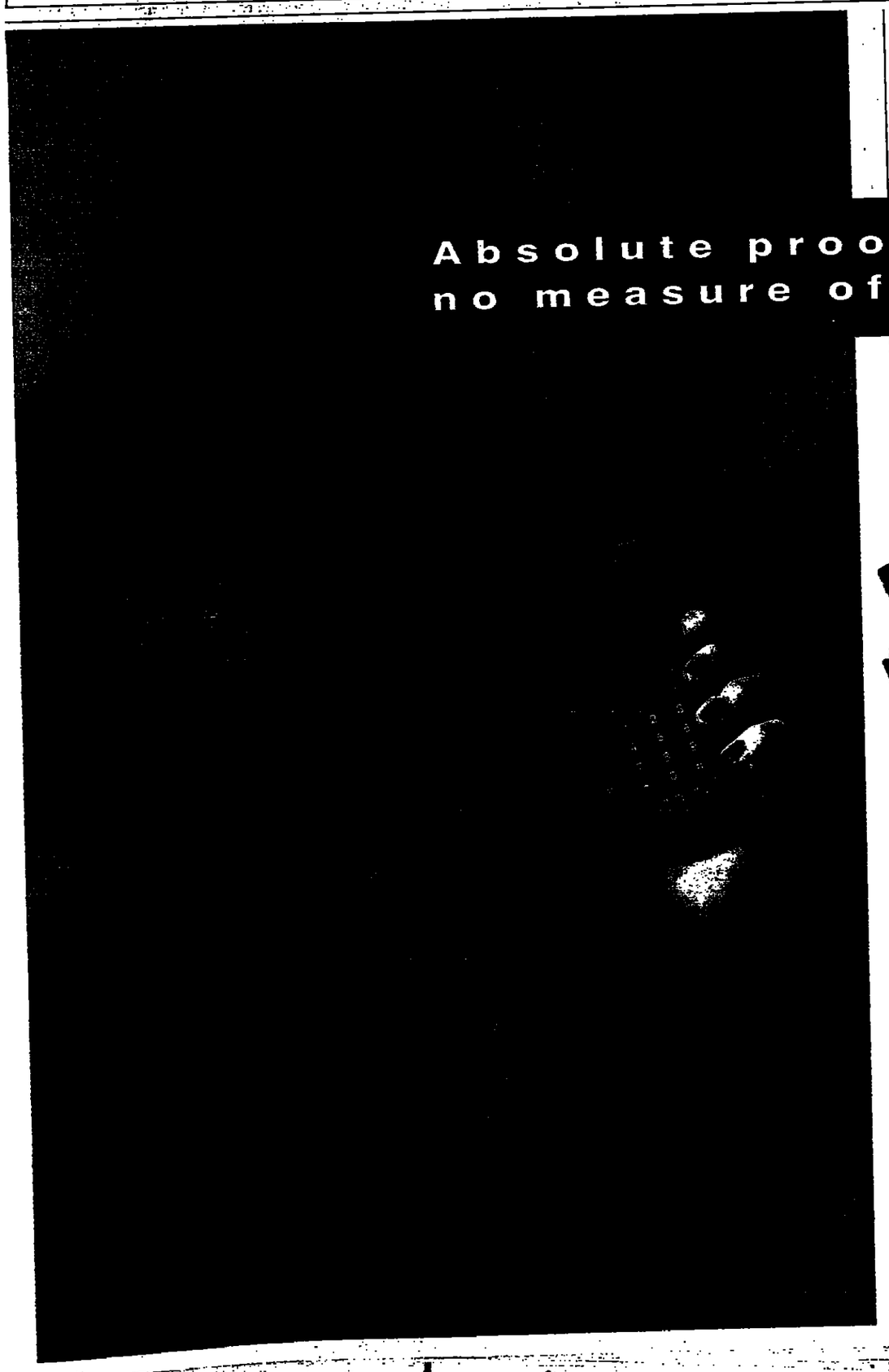
A verdict of died in action was recorded at Croydon Coroner's Court on John Ellis, whose remains were recovered from a second world war Hurricane in a field in Kent.

Father cleared

A jury at Maidstone Crown Court cleared Antal Beke, of Sevenoaks, Kent, of wounding his son, Anthony, 26, who was stabbed at their home after an argument about a phone call.

Birth on video

The birth of Tom Brierley was recorded on the security camera of the newsagent in Manchester where his mother, Lorna, went into labour.



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MacGregor faces Tory revolt after Lords reject rail bill

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government looks certain to defy the Lords by trying to reverse the humiliating defeat of its rail privatisation bill despite evidence of a growing revolt among Conservative MPs.

In Tokyo yesterday, John Major said it was "probable" that MPs would be asked to remove the Lords amendment which allows British Rail to bid alongside the private sector for franchises to run train services.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, also indicated he is prepared for a direct confrontation with Tory rebels in both Houses by saying that he would need "a lot of persuading" to accept the amendment.

The whips in both Houses will gauge the strength of feeling before the amendment arrives in the Commons in October. However, the bill's critics believe the Lords' vote will influence more Conservative MPs to protest at banning BR from bidding for franchises.

Only two Tories rebelled when BR's position was put to the vote in the Commons in May, with many deterred because it was a Labour amendment. The Lords' cross-party amendment won support from 15 Conservative peers with Lord Peyton of Yeovil, a former Tory transport minister, leading the revolt.

Sir Keith Speed, Tory MP for Ashford, expressed doubts on whether the government could win a vote to remove the Lords' amendment. He told colleagues that other Conservative MPs were promising support.

Mr MacGregor admitted yesterday that the Lords' vote had very much undermined the principle of his plans to open up rail services to private operators. Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, the transport secretary argued that the change made by the peers would lead to unequal competition for franchises.

Government sources also pointed out that 30 BR management buy-outs were planning to bid and would be put in a very difficult position if they were in competition with their own bosses.

John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said Labour would campaign to sustain the Lords' decision in the Commons. "BR should be able to bid to provide the services, because after all the private sector is only interested in running the profitable ones."

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Scotland. European parliamentary elections bill, remaining stages.
Lords (2.30): Railways Bill, committee continued.



Social chapter vote splits sceptics

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PETER RIDDELL

EURO-SCEPTIC Tory MPs who have harried John Major since last autumn over the Maastricht treaty are divided over an important vote on the social chapter later this month.

The vote, which could have a significant bearing on the prime minister's future, is due on July 26. Under the terms of the bill, the Commons and the Lords have to debate the chapter after the legislation implementing the treaty has become law.

The big test of Commons opinion will come on a Labour amendment saying that the government should not implement the treaty until it has applied to sign the social chapter — which ministers have condemned as a threat to tens of thousands of jobs. Labour hopes that, with the backing of Tory Euro-sceptics, it can present Mr Major with the dilemma of either accepting the treaty with the social chapter or ditching it altogether.

These tactics are threatened by a split emerging among the ranks of the 28 "Fresh Start" group of Conservative MPs who have consistently opposed incorporating the bill into domestic law. MPs said that, while a hard core would be prepared to override their antipathy to the social chapter in the hope of wrecking the treaty, others would shy away from such a step.

Those opposed to backing Labour argue that, if the amendment were carried, Mr Major would call their bluff and accept the treaty with the social chapter. They fear that they would then find themselves being blamed by their parliamentary colleagues and constituency parties for imposing higher costs on business.

The government believes that divisions among the Euro-sceptics will save them, but ministers have considered various fall-back positions. Even if the Commons backed the Labour amendment, the Lords might not, so there would be no unanimous view. If the amendment were defeated, the government might argue that passage of the bill authorised ratification of the treaty, and that a separate white paper on the social chapter would be produced in the autumn, which the government would no doubt expect to be defeated.

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More control urged over ex-patients

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

A SPATE of killings and other attacks by patients released from mental hospitals has prompted Tory calls for tighter controls on those discharged into the community.

Backbench MPs have called on ministers to ensure efforts were made to prevent further incidents. There have been three killings by mentally ill patients in six weeks.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, is reviewing mental health legislation and is expected to report this month. Ministers are also keen that it should look at compelling community-care patients to take medication.

David Hinchliffe, a Labour health spokesman, said: "When will they [ministers] realise that community care is much, much more than closing hospitals and saving money?" John Bowis, a junior health minsiter, said £2 billion and a trebling of psychiatric nurses had been provided to enable community care to be introduced.

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Tories must look to local laurels

BY PETER RIDDELL

ONE of the most persistent myths of British politics is that the Conservatives have a superior party organisation. Bruised Labour MPs like to blame the Tories' alleged edge in money raising and efficiency for their run of election defeats.

That view was always exaggerated; otherwise, how did Labour ever win an election? But now any organisational edge may lie with Labour. That was first indicated by last year's election: the Tories were unexpectedly 7.6 points ahead of Labour in vote share. But the real question, as posed by John Curtice and Michael Steed in their appendix to David Butler and Dennis Kavanagh's election study, is: "How could a result that was so substantial in terms of votes appear so close in terms of seats?" If there had been a uniform swing of votes across the country, the Tories would have had an overall majority of 71, rather than 21.

Curtice and Steed point to tactical voting shifts between Liberal Democrat and Labour supporters, concentration of Labour votes in smaller-sized seats and higher than average swings to Labour in the Midlands and London, where there are many marginal seats. The impact of local organisation tends to be dismissed by psephologists, but Labour did spend a lot of time building up resources in target seats.

More clear cut evidence has come from the provisional results of the review of parliamentary boundaries. The reviews are carried out on a non-partisan basis, but adjusting boundaries is a matter of discretion. The enquiries listen to the views of local bodies, who can argue for a change, which will favour one party or another, in suitably non-partisan terms about preserving the structure of a local community or neighbourhood.

Labour has been more efficient than the Tories in mobilising local pressure groups in this way. This advocacy, all within the rules, has produced results which favour Labour in a number of seats in the North West and cities such as Bristol and Southampton.

Boundary changes tend overall to favour the Tories in view of the continuing shift of population from predominantly Labour inner cities into mainly Tory rural areas. Initial estimates of a Tory gain of plus 20 to 25 seats were always exaggerated. Curtice and Steed estimated that on the basis of equal sized constituencies, there would be a net gain to the Tories of 14 seats. Even that estimate now looks too high in view of Labour's successes at local enquiries. So the net gain to the Tories could be only ten while some Labour members believe the parties will come out more or less even. That is before the fresh uncertainty created by the recent report from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys estimating that, nationally, 7 per cent of eligible names were missing from the electoral register used in the review. The shortfall was over a fifth in inner London, equivalent to four extra MPs.

Senior Tories are privately scathing about the inadequacies of their local organisation as reflected in the results of the review. The trouble is that the party's resources are not rationally distributed. Experienced agents tend to be concentrated in the party's safest seats, not in its marginals. That reflects the party's decentralised structure. The decline in the Tories' local base in many areas is as serious a threat to the party's long-term position as its national troubles.

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EC closes ranks with Tokyo to oppose Washington's target-setting proposals

Setback for G7 as talks on US-Japan deal collapse

■ Japan's prime minister says he is embarrassed by his country's trade surplus. He shows no signs, however, of translating this embarrassment into a change of policy

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN TOKYO

AMERICA and Japan yesterday failed to reach a deal on a bilateral trading agreement in one of the early setbacks on the eve of the G7 summit in Tokyo.

It also became apparent yesterday that the European Community and Japan were trying to join forces in trade policy to isolate America over its pursuit of "managed trade", a controversial approach that seeks to place some restrictions on the free movement of goods and services.

After arriving for his first G7 summit, President Clinton said at a joint news conference with Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, that the negotiators had not yet concluded a framework agreement to regulate the trading relationship between their two countries. He did say, however, that "significant progress has been made" to conclude such a deal.

After the failure of yesterday's round of talks, President Clinton and Mr Miyazawa instructed their officials to continue negotiations throughout this week's summit in the hope that agreement might be reached before Saturday, when the president is due to leave Tokyo for Korea.

Mr Clinton praised Mr Miyazawa for shifting Japan's previously intransigent position on the trade framework agreement in a letter last week, which prompted this week's hastily arranged negotiations. But America's carrot-and-stick approach towards Japan — a policy that seeks continuity and change, according to the president — was blatantly apparent again at yesterday's news conference when the president publicly disagreed with Mr Miyazawa on the question of Japan's trade surplus.

Mr Clinton said he had a "slightly different view" after Mr Miyazawa said he was not prepared to commit Japan to a specific figure by which Japan would cut its trade surplus over a number of years. The Americans have demanded that Japan cut its surplus from last year's rate of over 3.2 per cent of gross domestic product, which translated into a surplus of $117.6 billion (£78 billion), to under 2 per cent within three years. A similarly public disagreement at a summit in Washington during April had been widely interpreted as a gaffe, even by American commentators.

Earlier in the day, Mr Miyazawa met the European Community delegation headed by Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, and Henning Christophersen, the economics commissioner. Mr Miyazawa did admit to the EC commissioners to being severely "embarrassed" about the trade surplus, and accepted in principle that Japan must enact further stimulus policies to foster economic growth at home and abroad.

Sir Leon afterwards told a news conference that "in the discussion with the Japanese prime minister we made clear that we do not believe in managed trade". A senior Japanese official said later that on the issue "the EC and we are on the same time".

Mr Christophersen said that "Japan has a potential much larger than the rest of the world. We [in Europe] have no margin for manoeuvre on fiscal policy but Japan could use its margin to lower taxes." During the bilateral talks, Mr Miyazawa asked Sir Leon what policy stimulus Europe had in mind for Japan, to which Sir Leon responded that Japan should cut income taxes. The Americans also share the view that Japan must do more.

Sir Leon ruled out extending an EC statistical survey — aimed at highlighting Japan's trade surplus with the EC sector by sector — as a device to set "targets" for trade, although he did indicate that such sector-wide indices could be used as a tool in trade policy.

The unlikely accord between the EC and Japan alliance temporarily hides fundamental differences over trade policy between the two, although those differences appear small compared with the gulf between America and Japan. As an example, Sir Leon did express concern over the lack of EC companies' access to Japanese government procurement markets and discrimination against foreign producers of spirits.

Trade talks dominated the last day before the summit proper. Apart from Japan's negotiations with the EC and America, negotiators from the "quad" — America, Canada, Japan and the EC — were due to meet separately last night in an attempt to revive the stalled talks on a market access agreement. This would open the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) to a number of previously uncovered sectors, such as agriculture, textiles and certain "politically sensitive" goods, such as semi-conductors.

Various pre-summit "quad" negotiations — first in Tokyo and later last week in Toronto — had broken down, and the talks last night were viewed as the final opportunity for the G7 leaders' meeting to conclude a specific and detailed agreement which could then be presented to the 115-nation Gatt negotiations for completion in advance of a December 15 deadline that had been imposed by the United States.

Sir Leon said ahead of the talks that the aim was to provide G7 leaders with a platform from which to proceed. He said it was "impossible to say" whether a late agreement could be reached, but he noted that two sides were not so wide apart for an agreement to be impossible.

☐ **Ecologists' plea:** Japan was urged yesterday by ecologists in Tokyo to use huge funds in post office savings to supply so-called eco-banks and reduce aid to "disastrous" projects by the World Bank. *(Reuter)*

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Shadow play in Japan: President Clinton and Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's prime minister, making their way yesterday to unsuccessful bilateral talks in Tokyo on a trade accord

Super First Lady overthrows sumo wrestler namesake

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

Within two seconds of stepping off Air Force One in Tokyo yesterday, Hillary Clinton had sparked a scuffle in the Japanese media mob, even in her unusually diminished capacity as the mere "wife of" the president of the United States. Of the 10,000 Japanese journalists covering the G7 summit, those specifically assigned to hairstyle watching duties were clearly caught off their guard. Months of agonising preparations had still left them woefully unprepared to deal with Mrs Clinton's new curly look.

In a country where the only task of a political "wife of" is to remain out of sight and out of earshot, Mrs Clinton's famous megaphonic approach to political life is regarded in Japan with awe and suspicion in roughly equal measures. It may be no coincidence that the "Super First Lady", as she is known here, shares her first name with the musclebound sumo wrestling star of the television soap opera. *Hillary*, which is beamed out to tens of millions of viewers over breakfast every morning.

By contrast, Japan's leading "wife of", Yoko Miyazawa, is a venerable 73 and known more for her absences than anything else. Media "First Lady-watchers" are therefore superfluous in Japan, but those who have spotted her in public — which is about twice since her husband, Kiichi, became prime minister a year and a half ago — consider her a mighty snappy dresser.

She has conscientiously maintained the traditional vow of silence and Japan knows only that she speaks excellent English (she met her husband on the boat heading for an American student convention in 1939), she is the daughter of a university professor and she enjoys Agatha Christie novels. Mrs Miyazawa would never dream of getting involved in politics, which is strictly men's business in Japan, and her greatest contribution to the political debate came in 1991 when she told a reporter that her husband "is really no trouble at all. He always chooses his own tie and suit and folds them away at night, too. He's terribly good". The shy Mrs Miyazawa will be pushed out in front of the cameras this week when she leads a small band of G7 wives on a series of strictly non-business excursions.

The long flying time and the punishing time difference for a three-day meeting may explain the wives' high absentee rate, but the intricate and uninspiring schedule, plotted down to every last minute, might also have something to do with the sudden pressing requirement for Mrs John Major, Mrs Douglas Hurd, Mrs Kenneth Clarke and most of the others to stay at home.

Only 11 of the 24 officials' wives are coming to Tokyo. The highlight for the wives comes tomorrow evening with a banquet at the Imperial Palace hosted by Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko. Given the vivid memory of the former president, George Bush, being sick over Mr Miyazawa's lap during an official banquet last year, the nerves of palace staff have been stretched to breaking point over potential security and protocol problems.

Poison-tasters are perhaps still at work on it, but the contents of the sumptuous meal they will eat cannot be disclosed, due to security reasons.

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Boutros Ghali: wants bigger role for Bonn

Old order backed by Britain

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER IN TOKYO

JOHN Major reacted with caution last night to the news that Japan is formally seeking a permanent seat on the Security Council. In a move timed to coincide with the opening of today's summit, Tokyo declared its wish to have a permanent place.

Britain and France oppose the proposal, backed by America, for bringing Japan and Germany into the council. Officials said that Japan was seeking support from the international community to give it the new status by 1995. London thinks that is too soon. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has neither supported nor opposed the proposal, but has said he would like Germany to play a more active role.

Mr Major, speaking soon after arriving for the summit, said that, while Britain had never ruled out reforms to the security council, "it is something that has to be taken very gently". The prime minister may raise the issue at his meeting with President Clinton today to discuss bilateral disagreements.

Major backs Clinton's call for urgent unemployment summit

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JOHN Major is backing President Clinton's proposal for a separate "jobs summit" to address the problem of structural unemployment.

The prime minister said yesterday that he welcomed the proposal, made by Mr Clinton in a speech in San Francisco on his way to Tokyo, "to get experts together to examine what might be done to tackle the jobs crisis". Mr Major added, however, that he had not seen any details.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has arrived in Tokyo for his first summit meeting, is also believed to want to place a strong emphasis in his talks with colleagues on structural questions of economic policy, one of the few economic issues on which the world's leaders can agree, and possibly one of the few areas in which Britain and America are not presently at loggerheads.

Although the president did not go into the administrative details of his proposal, US officials suggested that the jobs summit could be held later in the autumn at Camp David, at the level of employment ministers and economic advisers. It would be the first such summit of its kind and a tacit recognition that the problem of structural unemployment deserves international co-ordinated policy beyond a mere commitment to increase economic growth.

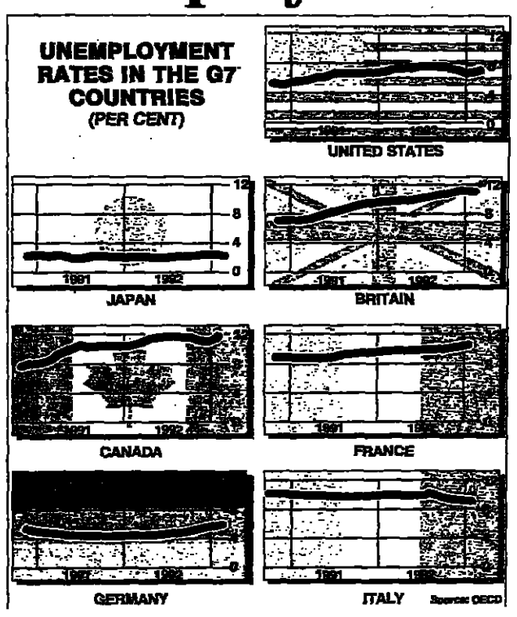
In his San Francisco speech the president said the proposed summit "can be a first step in getting all of our job-generators running at full speed once again". He added: "Our generation must craft a new vision and forge new agreements among the world's nations to guide us through a new era." The recognition that structural unemployment deserves special attention arises from the observation that recent economic cycles have each left the rate of long-term unemployment higher than before. There is also a widespread recognition that the pursuit of economic growth, while still necessary, is no longer a sufficient means to secure full employment.

Instead, the summit will have to look at issues such as labour market rigidities and other impediments to job creation. It will also, however, have to look at the structure of welfare systems, which can sometimes act as a disincentive for potential job seekers.

In his speech Mr Clinton once again raised the spectre of a jobless recovery, as he has on several previous occasions. However, since information on employment tends to be a lagging indicator, it is difficult at this stage to ascertain whether the pattern of America's patchy economic recovery differs as much from previous recoveries as is sometimes claimed.

In Paris yesterday, Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, said that three-quarters of France's unemployment could be blamed on structural problems rather than on the current economic recession. He pointed out that more than 3.1 million people were looking for work in the country. If temporary job-creation projects were not counted, the figure would be 4.1 million, he said. A large part of this was due to the recession, but not all of it, he told the Economic and Social Council.

"Unemployment is first of all a structural problem ... rather than a result of the economic situation," he said. M Balladur added that the former accounted for three out of four of those either out of work or on temporary job-creation schemes.



His comments provided an indication of how difficult it would be to reduce unemployment, which hit a record high of 11.5 per cent of the workforce in May, even after the economy began to recover. "It is worth remembering that, with the same levels of economic growth, our European partners would be able to create at least 300,000 more jobs than us while the United States could create one million more," he said.

The French government has promised to put a five-year bill before parliament in September to tackle unemployment, blamed by some observers on the country's strict labour laws and high social security charges. The bill would include measures to reduce labour costs, make working hours more flexible and encourage youth training.

In Bonn yesterday, the Federal Labour Office reported that the recession and the onset of the summer holidays had squeezed more people out of work in the former West Germany in June. The seasonally adjusted jobless total rose by 29,000 in May to to 2.26 million. The unemployment rate, based on unadjusted data, was up from 6.9 per cent in May to 7.0 per cent. "The economic recession first and foremost is responsible for the jobless rise," Bernhard Jagoda, president of the labour office, said.

Economists said they expected west German unemployment to continue to rise well into next year despite signs that the recession may be bottoming out. "Unemployment is a lagging indicator, and is sure to worsen well into next year," said Peter Pietsch, economist at Commerzbank in Frankfurt.

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Frogmen patrol palace moat

BY JOANNA PITMAN

ANY unsuspecting visitor arriving in Tokyo this week would be forgiven for wondering whether martial law has been declared. About 36,000 police officers, including a squad of 10,000 anti-terrorist agents, have donned their white gloves and taken up positions in the capital's centre, guarding meeting places and hotels where G7 leaders are to gather.

Visitors should be particularly vigilant not to upset police officers wearing grey skirts and fetching peaked hats because they may well turn out to be members of a team of women karate experts on duty for the week.

A team of aquatic police-

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men, happy to lurk for hours beneath the murky surfaces of Tokyo's waterways, has also been deployed, and is expected to remain on duty all week in the moat that rings the imperial palace.

Many residents recall the attempted terrorist attack during the opening ceremonies of the 1986 Tokyo summit when a rocket launched by left-wing radicals flew over the heads of Margaret Thatcher and other leaders, landing just a short distance from its target. The government, concerned that this summit might fall short of expectations in tangible economic or political results, is determined at least to hold an incident-free event.

The Akasaka Palace, where today's welcoming ceremonies and most of the summit meetings are to be held, is an ornately decorated government guest house designed and built in the 17th-century French style in 1909 as a symbol of the Meiji government's equality with the West. It was converted into an official guest house in 1974 at a cost of 10.7 billion yen (£64 million). The palace has 22 rooms, elaborately decorated with ormolu and gilt and dripping with chandeliers.

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Leadership clash pushes Pakistan closer to army takeover


Sharif: seeks to amend Pakistan's constitution

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

■ Supported by Benazir Bhutto, the president of Pakistan is locked in a battle with the prime minister. The result promises to be a return to the bad old days

WITH Pakistan's government on the point of collapse in a power battle between Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, and President Ishaq Khan, the possibility of military intervention again hangs over the country.

A senior Pakistani minister was reported to have said yesterday that the threat by Benazir Bhutto, the opposition leader, to lead anti-government protests in Islamabad could open the door to an army takeover. "We feel that it is a highly irresponsible and undemocratic posture to take at a juncture when there is high tension and political confrontation in Pakistan," Chaudhry Nisar Ali, the petroleum minister and special assistant to the prime minister, was quoted as saying.

Mr Sharif is struggling to survive less than six weeks after the supreme court restored his administration to power after its dismissal by presidential order. Although he was sacked on the ground of incompetence, the real reason was his challenge to the immense powers of the president and the army. That continuing challenge lies behind the present crisis.

The clash has paralysed the government and left Punjab, the most important province, almost ungovernable. The province's police and senior bureaucracy are caught between the orders issued by the two rivals, threatening a breakdown in law and order.

General Abdul Waheed, the army chief of staff, has met Mr Sharif and Mr Ishaq Khan to try to persuade them to reach a compromise to save the country from further chaos. Most corps commanders, meeting in Rawalpindi last week, are understood to have expressed reluctance for the military to intervene unless it is forced to do so by street violence or economic emergency. The threat of intervention, however, is very real.

Only Miss Bhutto can help Mr Sharif to repeal the eighth amendment to the constitution. That would remove the president's right to dismiss the prime minister as well as his right to appoint the army chief of staff. The effect would be to make the prime minister more powerful than the president. But Miss Bhutto has set a high price for helping him — the setting up of an all-party national government and fresh elections this year.

Mr Sharif fears his chances in an election would be slim. All four provinces are hostile to him, including his home province of Punjab, where the provincial assembly has switched its allegiance from camp to camp in pursuit of the highest offer of bribes, the classic "horse-trading" Pakistani way of politics. With the provincial assemblies against him, Mr Sharif fears that the elections would be rigged and obstacles placed in the way of his campaign.

The army has denied reports that it has threatened to intervene if Mr Sharif does not call an election soon. For all its protestations of neutrality, the military has sided with the president in his power battle with the prime minister, which means that Mr Sharif will have to go in the end. The military does not much like the idea of Miss Bhutto returning, having previously engineered her dismissal by the president on allegations of corruption and nepotism, but seems reconciled to the possibility.

She, too, was dismissed because she tried to interfere with presidential and military powers. Nevertheless, she found it expedient to go along with the president in the dismissal of Mr Sharif, only to be thwarted in her attempt to regain power when he was restored. She is determined to see him fall again. On Sunday she wrote an open letter to him urging him "not to test the army's patience" by insisting on retaining power.

Punjab is in deepening trouble. The pro-Sharif chief minister was sacked; then he, too, was restored by the supreme court; then he was removed again last week when the president dissolved the Punjab provincial assembly. Mr Sharif has appointed his own chief minister, chief of police and governor in Punjab, but they are not recognised by the present anti-Sharif provincial government. Since Punjab is the economic engine of Pakistan, the paralysis is economically devastating.

"For the first time in the history of Pakistan the police and bureaucracy are divided between rival politicians," a senior Pakistani government source said yesterday. "They are forced to choose between the president and the prime minister. That could lead to a complete breakdown of government and the army would have no choice but to step in. Alternatively, the president might declare presidential rule with the army's backing. It looks like we are returning to the bad old days."

Inkatha struggle for power with ANC blamed as 131 die

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN KATLEHONG

THE death toll in the political violence sweeping South Africa after the date was set for the first all-race election next April rose to 131 last night.

The anger that erupted into bloodletting in townships and villages for five days running threatens to throw into jeopardy the carefully constructed compromises being hammered out in the multiparty constitutional talks.

At least 69 people have been killed — shot, hacked, burnt or beaten to death — in Katlehong and in Thokoza, immediately adjoining it 15 miles east of Johannesburg, since last Friday. Another 47 people have been killed in Natal, and 15 in the western part of Cape province.

Almost all the deaths are blamed by the South African authorities on the rivalry between Nelson Mandela's African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party, both battling for territory, for influence and eventually for votes in next year's election. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha has refused to endorse the April 27 date.

There has no doubt been a mixture of criminal opportunism involved, and the police suggest that the endemic taxi wars in which rival minibus owners battle to the death for lucrative routes have also become embroiled.

The ANC said yesterday: "This violence is clearly orchestrated to coincide with the recent announcement of a date for the first non-racial elections. It is an attempt to blackmail the country into delaying democracy through free elections." The ANC also criticised the security forces for standing on the sidelines while Zulu hostel-dwellers who support Inkatha attacked non-Inkatha residents in Katlehong.

The April date for elections to a constitution-making body was endorsed on Friday in the multiparty talks. It has almost invariably happened in the past 18 months that each success in the talks has been matched by a sharp increase in the township violence. According to a black journalist who lives in this township, the troubles began when hostel residents attacked a funeral procession as it passed under their walls. But tensions are such that only the smallest spark is needed to start a conflagration. The violence has already claimed more than 9,000 lives since the process of dismantling apartheid began in 1990.

There followed a series of running battles between the hostel-dwellers and other residents in the two townships. At first one side and then the other attacked each other's defences. The hostels themselves came under fire from ANC supporters, and in return the hostel-dwellers burst out of their confinement to set alight houses near by. The railway line was blocked, and that increased dependence on the minibus taxis.

Peace monitors from the Wits-Vaal peace secretariat and from other organisations patrolled the townships yesterday, trying to keep the warring groups apart and mediating between each of them and the security forces, who were also present in large numbers.

Members of the Internal Stability Department — the so-called riot police — were deployed in armoured personnel carriers, and military patrols were also on hand.

In Natal, the fighting has been taking place mainly around the Pietermaritzburg and Richmond areas, in villages and urban locations where there has been long-standing rivalry between the ANC and Inkatha. A number of women and children have been involved in attacks on kraals and Zulu huts in hillside hamlets.

Boer war cache

Cape Town: Muzzle-loaders, rifles and shotguns from the 1899-1902 Boer war have been handed in under an amnesty to curb the number of illegal weapons in South Africa. The weapons were seized by British troops from farmers during the war and kept in a house in the Cape. *(Reuter)*


Acid test: the Norwegian tanker *Betula* remains stranded with its cargo of 4,400 tonnes of sulphuric acid near the town of Lázaro Cárdenas in Mexico. Next week Mexican naval experts will try to pull the tanker, which has been battered by heavy seas for a week, off the shore

Abkhazia is put under martial rule

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

EDUARD Shevardnadze yesterday imposed martial law on the rebel region of Abkhazia. The move was a dramatic sign of the Georgian leader's determination to intensify a war effort which has cost hundreds of lives in the past few days.

The Russian foreign ministry yesterday continued its attempts to mediate. There were doubts, however, about the ability of either Moscow or Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, to impose their will on the region, home to a small Muslim nation and a patchwork of other groups.

Martial law, described as a move to enforce conscription more strictly, was introduced for two months from last night. The only places where it can in practice be enforced are Sukhumi and Ochamchira, the towns in Abkhazia which remain in Georgian hands.

Officials say the Russian foreign ministry is starting to take a firmer line with the Abkhazian side, even though this is bound to cause political controversy in Moscow. The cause of the Abkhazians, who in Soviet times enjoyed local authority within the republic of Georgia, is enthusiastically backed by both nationalists and former Communists in Russia.

Milosevic refuses to free rival on jail hunger strike

BY TOM RHODES IN VITEZ AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SLOBODAN Milosevic, the Serbian president, snubbed Danielle Mitterrand, wife of the French president, yesterday. She had asked for the release of the jailed Serbian opposition leader Vuk Draskovic, who is on hunger strike in a Belgrade prison.

Mr Milosevic said he could not interfere with the decision of the Serbian supreme court, which refused Mr Draskovic's appeal yesterday and left Mme Mitterrand's mission an apparent failure.

She had arrived in Belgrade on Monday to plead with Mr Milosevic for the release of Mr Draskovic, who with his wife Danica was severely beaten and seriously injured during and after their arrest on June 2. They were held after anti-government riots in Belgrade in which a policeman was killed and scores of protesters injured.

Mr Milosevic, seen in the West as the instigator of the civil war in former Yugoslavia, told Mme Mitterrand that the case was out of his hands. She said that he told her that "the judicial authorities are independent of political authorities in Serbia and that the case is in the hands of the supreme court".

She had handed Mr Milosevic a letter from the French president, but its contents were not disclosed. Her visit coincided with the Serbian court's rejection of an appeal by lawyers for Mr Draskovic to be freed from custody. He had suffered head injuries in his beating.

Mr Draskovic, who faces charges of incitement to riot and assaulting a police officer, began a hunger strike in prison last Thursday after a Belgrade magistrate ordered that he and his wife should be detained for a further two months pending trial.

In Vitez, it emerged that Dobrila Kalaba, the local Bosnian translator killed on Monday by a machinegun round within yards of the United Nations base, was the personal interpreter of Lieutenant Colonel Alistair Duncan, the British commander. Ms Kalaba, said to be in her early twenties, had been sitting in the garden of a house behind the camp used by military personnel when the bullet hit her. Yesterday a visibly upset Colonel Duncan said that he would be discussing the matter in the strongest terms with local commanders.

Fresh fighting between Muslims and Croats in the Lasva valley, particularly in the contested area around Novi Bila, near Vitez, echoed throughout the region yesterday. Reports from the embattled Muslim-held town of Zavidovici claimed that combined Serb and Croat forces were holding male Muslims hostage in the Maglaj tunnel.

In another blatant snub yesterday, Serb and Croat leaders failed to attend the latest round of peace negotiations with the Muslim presidency in Sarajevo.

Lord Owen, the European Community mediator, said yesterday that he was about to start yet another round of shuttle diplomacy to the former Yugoslavia but that he believed progress in ending the war depended on the Muslims. "There is a limit to how far you can go through indirect means and to use mediators," he said after talks in Dublin with Dick Spring, the Irish foreign minister.

☐ **London:** *Oslobodenje*, an award-winning newspaper in Sarajevo, appealed yesterday to the world to save the dying city, calling for an end to the blockade (Michael Binyon writes). The paper, which continues to put out a daily edition, said: "The tragedy is overwhelming; besieged, without electricity, water, food, gas and the most basic conditions for life, Muslims, Croats and Serbs are dying."

Protests worsen in Lagos

Lagos: Nigeria's capital was brought to a standstill for the second day in succession as police fired tear gas to drive back youths storming across a bridge. Amid continuing protests over the annulment of the June 12 presidential polls, gunfire was heard in the Tinubu Square area. One opposition group said the government had threatened to dissolve civilian parties unless they accept the decision.

President Babangida, the military leader, met officials of the Social Democratic party and the National Republican Convention in Abuja last night. They agreed to meet again on Friday. The parties were believed to have been given two days to agree on a fresh election or risk having their executive bodies dissolved. *(Reuter)*

Iraq debate

Baghdad: The Iraqi national assembly will meet in emergency session today to discuss the American missile strike on intelligence headquarters here, the city's newspapers reported. *(Reuter)*

Kurdish raid

Istanbul: Turkish troops were trying to reach the remote village of Basbaglar in the eastern province of Erzincan, where the government reported that Kurdish rebels killed 32 people.

Family barred

Buenos Aires: Argentina sealed its border with Chile against seven members of the family of Pablo Escobar, the Colombian drugs cartel boss. Chile has ordered them to be deported.

£6.5m robbery

Nice: Robbers held up a car carrying Marvin Davis, an American former film executive, and his wife near here and made off with jewellery worth £6.5 million and more than £30,000 in cash. *(Reuter)*

Curtain call

Bonn: Edmund Stoiber, Bavaria's prime minister, has forbidden politicians to accept free opera tickets. Ministers may not take fees for lecturing or writing articles.

Fear survives the flames

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

THE name of the Katlehong township means "Place of Success". Thokoza, next door, means "Rejoice". There was not much rejoicing yesterday as the inhabitants cleared up after four days of mayhem or confronted each other in a series of encounters that bodes ill for any continuing peace.

In the centre of a row of tiny bungalows, each in a patch of lawn overlooking a dusty street, Dumizani Albertina was carefully removing what was left of her sister's carefully hoarded possessions. The house, like all the others in the row, had been petrol-bombed by a gang of Zulus from the nearby Mazibuko hostel. Broken windows and twisted roofs covered the charred remains of the furniture and of the lives painfully put together under apartheid.

On her sister's walls were photographs of her marriage and her parents' marriage, and a metal-master's diploma for her husband. On the gramophone was a disc of hymns from the St John's Apostolic Missionary Choir, in the bookcase video of *The Killing Fields*.

Mrs Albertina, a Swazi, declined to say what her political allegiance was, although she was in no doubt that her attackers were from the Inkatha Freedom Party. She was terrified that they would return.

Outside, Lieutenant Adrian Potgeiter of the South African Army was searching the other blasted houses for bodies. "I can smell rotting flesh," he said. Fortunately, all he found were the unappetising contents of a ruined refrigerator.

On the other side of a bridge near by, 300 Zulus from the Kwesina hostel were confronting the South African police. Lieutenant Jan Dicks warned that if they did not disperse he would disperse them with tear gas and birdshot.

The crowd had gathered, waving knobkerries and shields, dancing, jeering and singing because they had witnessed the arrest of one of their fellows. The police insisted that he had been carrying a 9mm pistol.

Negotiations were in the hands of a 32 year-old veteran of dispute resolution, Edwin Molahlane, bearded, articulate and reasonable, who spoke to the Zulu *indunas* (chiefs) in a mixture of Zulu and English. He explained that, if they sent their followers back to the hostel, negotiations could continue and the police would not open fire.

After the 15-minute deadline had extended to an hour, the Zulus suddenly turned tail and went back to their hostel.

Economic refugees double in four years

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE number of economic refugees has doubled in the past four years, according to a United Nations population survey. Last year more than 100 million people migrated in search of a better life, many of them from one poor country to another.

The trend is likely to continue rising, Nafis Sadik, the director of the UN Population Fund, said yesterday. "The mass migrations of our times threaten to overwhelm our capacity to cope with them," she said.

Only about 17 million migrants were genuine refugees fleeing persecution. A further 20 million were escaping violence, drought or environmental destruction. Population movement was greatest within the developing countries. Some 35 million migrants came from sub-Saharan Africa, 15 million from Asia and the Middle East and a further 13 million in West Europe and North America.

Migration sometimes benefited the countries of origin, as remittances to families at home amounted last year to $66 billion (£44 billion), more than the total of all foreign aid and second in value only to the oil trade. On balance, however, mass migration was harmful, straining the resources of the host country. Migrants in wealthy countries were often seen as taking the jobs of local citizens, causing resentment and sometimes violence.

Joke wears thin as lawyers enter plea of humanity

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

SPARE a thought for the beleaguered American lawyer. For years they have weathered the taunts and loathing of society; they have suffered publications such as *Dead Lawyers and other Pleasant Thoughts*, and jokes, so many jokes, at their expense.

But enough is enough, and the persecuted American lawyer is now fighting back. This week the head of the American Bar Association in California called for an end to anti-lawyer jokes, which he said could promote violence against members of the legal profession. Pointing to the incident last week when a crazed gunman entered a San Francisco law firm and killed eight people, Harvey Saferstein said in a speech on Monday: "This was aimed at a law firm, aimed at lawyers and aimed at legal personnel ... I am calling on all Americans to stop lawyer-bashing. There is a point at which anti-lawyer jokes become simply nothing more than hate speech."

There is no doubt that the stock of the US legal profession is currently at its lowest point. Whereas in Europe lawyers are usually respected, in America, where litigation is a national pastime and legal fees often exorbitant, they are generally regarded as piranhas in suits.

This trend has been augmented by the opening this week of *The Firm*, a film starring Tom Cruise and based on the novel by John Grisham, which paints lawyers as grasping, corrupt and thoroughly evil. At one point in the film a Mafia godfather mutters that it might be a good idea to get rid of all the lawyers, a remark which prompted immediate applause from a New York audience last week.

The American Bar Association is so concerned about the public image of lawyers that it is spending $750,000 (£500,000) on a public relations campaign, blaming the justice system itself for the low public esteem. But lawyers, it might also be noted, are one of the few professional bodies in America which earn enough to spend that kind of money on polishing their image.

Obviously, if we are to guard against anti-lawyer slurs, it is important to know the sort of joke that should be avoided, so here is a selection. What is the difference between a lawyer and a sperm: the sperm has a 1-in-100 million chance of turning into a human.

Also: What are the three differences between a lawyer and a rat used for scientific experiments? Rats have feelings, you don't get attached to lawyers and there are some things a rat just won't do.

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Cruise: new film portrays lawyers as grasping, corrupt and thoroughly evil

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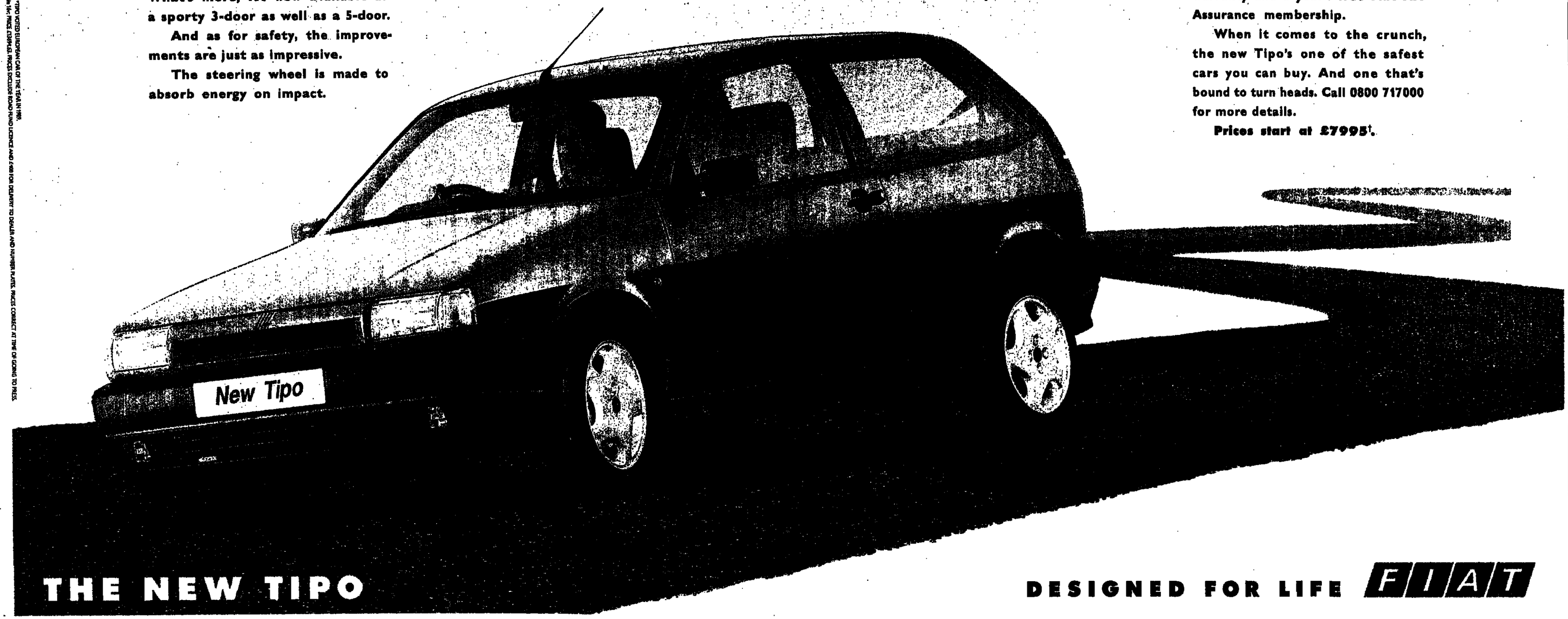
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On the road with Granny and Clyde

By long tradition, hallowed in Ealing comedies and the memories of long-suffering desk sergeants, old ladies are always there when you don't want them. They like to go down to the police station for a long cosy session on how their cat Foo-Foo is 20 minutes late for his tea, and there is a mysterious man in a *leather jacket*, my dear, walking up and down South Parade.

This cartoon view of our sex in old age is ineradicable, and not entirely inaccurate. So frankly, it is rather refreshing to hear that in the case of Winnie Bristow and Joan Payne, 75 and 73 respectively, the boot is on the other foot. The British police are longing to interview *them*, and they can't. They surfaced again this week, 13 months after vanishing, knitting and all, from East Grinstead in the company of a nephew, his girlfriend, her daughter, and golden retriever. The police have been hunting the family party ever since, to enquire about certain forged cheques and unpaid bills. Rumour had it that the nephew might have sinister designs upon his aunties: worry was intense.

Until this week, when the Irish police found them in County Mayo, received assurances that they were under no duress, shrugged and let the party go. Locals say they are "grand old ladies", friendly and healthy, always out with the dog. British police express proper relief at their safety but a certain frustration. Understandably: if a needle can lose itself in a haystack, then assuredly two cheerful old ladies and their family can vanish in the misty West of Ireland.

Why do we all so instinctively wish them luck? Why can't we help it? Why are we so beguiled by the idea of a pair of Hell's Grannies on the run, like Bonnie and Clyde in print frocks and perms? After some pondering, I have concluded that it is a matter of natural justice. Women, by the time they are old, have spent a lot of time worrying about men — sons, husbands, strangers — taking wrong turnings and upsetting the social order. They spend so much effort in persuading them against risky and awkward behaviour, that it seems only fair that in their eighth decade a few should embark on a brief glorious finale as troublemakers or worries themselves. Nobody should be condemned by age or sex to be forever the one who wags the finger.



LIBBY PURVES

There is also the fact that old women often feel a tremendous surge of adventurousness. We spend our strongest years being bulwarks for our families, but as the flesh grows weaker and their dependent years end, the spirit rises, an indomitable bubble. I have met ancient lone yachtswomen, a first-time balloon pilot in her seventies, and a nun, Sister Catherine, who used to write to Nasa from her convent in Lowestoft, offering to go up in the Space Shuttle. She would remark in her soft Cork voice: "I'd love to see the stars close up, and sure if I die of it, I'm 82, where's the harm?"

My own mother marked the beginning of her seventies by leaving for a still unstable Poland on a lorryful of food and medical aid, talking it through borders with her rusty but fluent Polish. She and the young driver got along just fine. I was relieved she had chosen the side of the angels, but would not have been unduly surprised if she had headed for Rio with a load of bullion instead. Deep, natural justice says that old ladies have, by then, earned a bit of fun.

Getting better all the time

The world is not a hopeless case, a World Bank report says. But properly directed medical spending is the key to progress, argues Nigel Hawkes

During the 1980s, pessimism about the state of the world became an article of faith. The images of the Third World that appeared on television screens were of starving children, grinding poverty and the ever-present threat of disease. To proclaim that things were not quite so bad was to cast yourself as Dr Pangloss, or at least as Martyn Lewis. Yet the reality was that, in terms of public health, the 1980s were anything but a dark age.

In a report published yesterday, the World Bank shows that improvements in health — greater in the past 40 years than in all recorded history — were not only maintained but actually accelerated during the 1980s. During that decade, child mortality fell by 5 per cent a year, against 3 per cent a year in the 1970s, and 2 per cent a year in the 1960s. The increase in life expectancy showed an equally impressive trend. Today, a child born in the developing world can expect to live to 63, roughly the figure that Britain had achieved by 1945.

The single most important cause of this improvement has been the decline in child mortality. In 1950, one in three children died before their fifth birthday; today it is one in ten. That is still a huge number, but the improvement has, by any standards, been remarkable. While new diseases such as Aids have made their appearance, old ones, such as smallpox, have been eliminated. No case of polio has been recorded throughout the Americas in two years.

Yet the World Bank report is not intended as an exercise in self-congratulation. Its main thrust, quite rightly, is to identify where policy has failed and to indicate how much remains to be done.

Preventable diseases are still common: nearly two million children die every year from measles, tetanus and whooping cough, all of which can be prevented by inexpensive vaccines. More than two million adults die of tuberculosis (TB), and half a million women from complications of pregnancy and childbirth.

Professor Dean Jamieson, of the World Bank, who led the team responsible for the report, also warns of new health threats. Aids will kill two million people a year by the end of the decade if it is not brought under control, while malaria and TB are beginning to show resistance to drugs. Smoking is spreading so swiftly in the developing world that in 30 years more than 10 million people will be dying of lung cancer and heart disease.

The danger is, he says, that much of the nearly $2 trillion (£1.3 trillion) a year spent on health "is either spent on the wrong things, or wasted, or used primarily to help the better-off".

"Costly treatments are prescribed that prolong life only slightly, while cheap ones that extend life greatly, such as immunisation, are underfunded" he argues. Waste is everywhere. Hospitals are poorly planned and run; drugs inefficiently procured and often allowed to spoil as a result of bad storage; patients travel large distances to wait hours for care.

Nor are the problems limited to the poor countries. Middle-income developing countries are now beginning to experience the cost explosion, familiar to us, that is making health services increasingly difficult for them to sustain. Like the rich, they are beginning to recognise that health is a pit into which increasing amounts of money can be poured without ever satisfying the patients or the health professionals.

The essence of the bank's advice is: "Keep it simple, stupid". Governments should concentrate on a limited package of low-cost measures. Public health activities should include immunisation, school-based health services, information about family planning and nutrition, programmes to reduce smoking and drinking, and Aids prevention. On the clinical side, emphasis should be placed on ante-natal and delivery care, family planning, basic care of the sick child, and simple treatments for TB and sexually-transmitted diseases.

This minimum package would cost $12 (£8) a head and cut the burden of disease by a quarter. The total bill would be $30-40 billion (£20-26bn) a year, which sounds a lot but is actually only 2 per cent of total world health spending. The lives of nine million infants would be saved a year.

To finance the programme, middle-income countries would have to redirect their current spending, but low-income countries would need to spend more, about double what they do at present. This almost certainly implies the need for more bilateral aid, which has stagnated recently.

Professor Jamieson says: "Although donors have expressed a strong commitment to human resources development, the share of aid going to health has actually dropped." The bank itself has nothing to be ashamed of, as its spending on health has risen from just over $300 million (£200m) a year in 1987 to $1,151 million (£767m) in 1992. The report calls for an increase in bilateral aid of $2 billion (£1.3bn) a year.

The effects of better health on economic development are obvious. Controlling river blindness in nine African countries has protected 30 million people, and will have saved the sight of half a million by 2000 at a cost of $1 (66p) per person per year. The economic rate of return is between 16 and 28 per cent. Preventing leprosy in India would add $130 million (£86m) a year to the gross national product.

But the benefits go wider than this. The rapid fall in infant mortality has been matched by a corresponding fall in birth rate. This shift to low mortality and low birth rate is complete in the developed world, and almost complete in China and Latin America. Even in sub-Saharan Africa the birth rate is falling.

So, investing in health does not ultimately mean more mouths to feed, but fewer. With world population likely to double from its present level of 5.5 billion before it stabilises, the more rapid the transition the better.

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HENRI CARTIER-BRESSON



Hope for the future: this infant pictured in Madurai, southern India in 1950 had a 30 per cent chance of dying before the age of five — today, 90 per cent live beyond. Photograph from *Henri Cartier-Bresson in India*

Bad corks get it in the neck

Walter Ellis on how cost cutting is ruining good wines

YOU ARE seated at one of the more favoured tables in the celebrated Restaurant La Posh. The waiter is suitably deferential, the sommelier just this side of *tyranny. Opposite you is the woman for* whom this particular extravaganza has been laid on, and you are anxious to impress.

The hors d'oeuvres are cleared away and the last of the Sancerre is savoured as you gaze across the crisp white linen at your companion. Between you sits that bottle of 1978 Bordeaux, its purple-stained cork reposing smugly at its base, which for you is (almost) the centrepiece of the evening. It has cost you £58, but who cares? It has been awaiting your pleasure for 15 years.

Discreetly, with the light touch of a master, the waiter serves the main course. The sommelier returns. Earlier, when he had poured a thimbleful for you to taste, just for a moment you were not entirely sure. There might have been something ever so slightly peculiar. A hint of — what? — mustiness. But no. Surely not. Not at £58. And anyway, minutes before, you had been drinking malt whisky, with its aftertaste of peat smoke. The moment had passed and you smile now at the recollection. He pours.

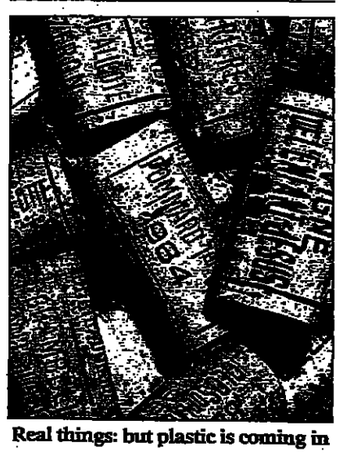
You raise your glass. She really does look wonderful tonight. She sips, serenely returning your appraisal. Then she speaks. "Oh Christ!" she says. "Is this supposed to taste of mushrooms?"

Corked wine is not a new phenomenon. It has been around for centuries. In recent years, however, with the increased use of composite corks, made from compressed scraps, it has become something of a scourge, especially at the lower end of the market, where, in some instances, up to 20 per cent of stock is affected.

Yet even the best vintages can sometimes be contaminated. Here, the culprit is likely to be not so much the cork itself — which in a good wine should be long and true — but the fact that that it has previously been in contact with bacteria. Either way, the result is a disaster.

Few realise how vital is the role of the humble cork in the preservation of wine in the bottle. Made from the bark of the cork oak, Quercus suber, usually from southern Portugal, it is not just a stopper, it is a hermetic seal, designed to keep what is inside from coming into premature contact with the vagaries of nature.

A normal wine cork is 24mm in diameter, compressed into a neck of 18cm. In a fine wine, it should be long — at least 50mm. With lesser wines, intended to be drunk young, a shorter model will suffice. What is vital is that the cork should be properly made in the first place, preferably from a single piece of bark, and that it should be free from infection by the bacterium trichloranisole (TCA).



Real things: but plastic is coming in

An ill-fitting or badly made cork allows tiny quantities of air into the bottle, producing unwanted oxidation and a vinegary taste and smell. An infected cork releases a miniature mushroom cloud of TCA that is invariably fatal to wine, however noble and ancient the château that produced it. Both are avoidable, but all too often the industry, increasingly competitive and cost-conscious, has refused to take the necessary steps.

Jonathan Findlay, of the Wine Standards Board, reponsible to the Department of Agriculture for ensuring that European Community regulations are observed, reveals that corkage is not controlled by law and is wholly dependent on contracts between buyers and sellers.

"You won't find Château Lafitte using *inferior cork*," he says. "Their reputation is too important. Yet I am led to believe that the incidence of corked wines generally is increasing because of attempts by bottlers and producers to save money."

Plastic corks, as used more and more by Marks & Spencer, for example, are one answer to the problem. They may not, in the opinion of experts, be suitable for the very finest *premier cru* wines, but they do splendidly for plonk, and even for superior vintages intended to be drunk within a year. Alas, the marketing men are uneasy, and many customers in Britain agree with them. As Mr Findlay puts it: "Traditionalists expect corks. The plastic alternative is excellent but unsaleable." M & S could yet prove him wrong.

At Corney & Barrow, a leading London wine bar chain, Adam Brett-Smith says that the problem is far from acute but is certainly getting worse. He blames "an excessive demand for cash" among the producers and believes the answer is to keep a careful note of all affected bottles and to send them back with a demand for a refund.

"We used to take it on the chin," he adds. "Not now."

CHRISTIAN GROSBOIS, representative in Britain for French Wine Farmers Ltd, founded in 1951, says that his company is "very, very strict" with suppliers on this question. He, too, blames cost-cutting. Most corked wine, he insists, is of low or medium quality. But, while giving a clean bill of health to the grandest wines, he is aware that even famous châteaux can on occasions be hit, especially with their second or third growths.

The problem is not, of course, confined to France. Producers worldwide are responsible. Nor is it the fault of the Portuguese, who make only what they are asked for and are not responsible for what happens afterwards. Only when bottlers fit the best corks — and store them in sanitary conditions — will the situation ease.

Gareth Lawrence, of the Wine and Spirit Education Trust, which sponsors the coveted Master of Wine qualification in this country, is not opposed to composite corks, provided they are well made. What he hopes to see is a better understanding of the corking process and, in particular, of the need to maintain the highest standards of hygiene, thus keeping bacteria out.

Mr Lawrence offers the following tips: store fine wines on their sides, to keep the end of the cork moist, thus completing the seal, and always adhere to drink-by deadlines for fruity little rascals, including most whites. Finally, if you are taking your intended fiancée to dinner at La Posh, try to ensure that the mushroom soup is in her bowl, not in her wine glass.

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Why Julia is no pretty lady



Rachel Kelly left, says that Julia Roberts, right, let down the side on her wedding day



JULIA ROBERTS has dashed her chances of becoming my modern-day answer to Eliza Doolittle. I had high hopes after her delightful performance in *Pretty Woman* in which she is transformed from prostitute to princess, *à la My Fair Lady*.

Now, I see, she has just got married to a country singer called Lyle Lovett. The first marital kiss while still at the altar, *Hello!* magazine informs us, lasted — wait for it — five minutes. The poor priest, as the picture makes clear, was obliged to lower his glasses to blur his vision.

As Lyle Lovett might have said: "She's no lady, she's my wife." But if you can't manage to be ladylike at the altar, then when can you? Ms Roberts, sadly, appears to be one of a growing number of women who have abandoned the struggle to be a lady in the old-fashioned sense of the word. She clearly had never heard of Lord Curzon's maxim that "Ladies never move" — especially not at altars, he might have added.

Part of the reason is that the word "lady" itself is under threat, undermining the qualities for which it stands. In the Middle Ages, "lady" described just about anyone. By the Victorian age, "lady" had become class-stratified. Now the word has been condemned and rejected altogether.

In its new style guide, under its section "Sensitivity", the BBC cautions against using the terms "lady" or "girls". "If we mean women, we should say so," it reads. "'Lady' is condescending, and should be used only when gentleman would sound appropriate, in other words rarely." Very soon it will be an Orwellian non-word, confined only to the lavatory door.

Once so resonant, the most regular usage of the "lady" is indeed now condescending. We talk about "tea-ladies"; "dinner-ladies"; "cleaning-ladies"; "shop ladies"; "little old ladies"; or, if we are talking to a child, we might say "Give it to that lady". It is impossible to describe someone as a "real lady" without risking political incorrectness.

Much of the reason must lie at John Major's door with his classless society. But though bound up with ideas of rank, to be a lady is not simply to have an entry in *Debrett* by being the younger daughter of a peer or the wife of a baronet.

Mrs Gaskell is full of ladies of slender means in *Cranford*. The point about *My Fair Lady* is that you can become a lady. In her book, *The Gentlemen in Trollope*, the philosopher Shirley Letwin concluded that the most perfect gentleman is *Madame Max Goesler, the daughter of a* humble Jewish attorney.

There is a long and honourable tradition of what constitutes lady-like behaviour. It is an ideal of dignity and consideration to which all women can aspire, the counterpart to Chaucer's "verray parfit gentil knyght" or "gentleman", and a peculiarly British tradition of which we can be proud, as Anglophiles make clear.

Now is the time to enjoy being a lady. If we have gained anything since feminism it surely is the right not to have to be butch to get ahead. Women can now be comfortable with their femininity, rejoice in their ladylikeness, and be successful.

Lady Thatcher was the ultimate exemplar: both of a successful and a non-aristocratic lady. She was at once the most powerful woman in the country and the lady who was "not for turning".

To help us on our ladylike way, we need to re-establish a definition of what being a lady means, an update from the Victorian model of ladylike, as in prim and proper, or the 20th-century maxim that you can spot a lady by her bag and shoes — and hat. (Ladies of disrepute in Glasgow and Newcastle were identified by their red hats, which meant no knickers.)

MY DEFINITION would be culled from the traditions of the past mixed with more modern examples. One could begin with a description of the ideal once quoted by Simone Weil, the religious writer, when she cited the words from the Egyptian Book of the Dead: "I have never caused anyone to weep. I have never spoken with a haughty voice. I have never made anyone afraid."

Or the description of a lady in the musical *Guys and Dolls*, of Lady Luck, who "Wouldn't flirt with strangers/And blow on some other guy's dice."

More recently, to be a lady is to be like Shirley Letwin, who died last month and was described by her obituarists as a person of courage, mental rigour and disinterested concern for others — the perfect definition of a lady. Mrs Lovett can hardly have said to have been concerned about the feelings of her priest.

The power perm

The new look Hillary Clinton with her curls proves that she has arrived as a mainstay of the world stage, writes **Alice Thomson**



Going straight: the Hillary Clinton of old

If a haircut is the cheapest form of plastic surgery then Hillary Clinton has been having a lot of nips and tucks. The first lady has managed to transform her mousey tresses three times in the past six months leaving even Linda Evangelista appearing frumpy.

You can just imagine it. Christophe dressed in white jeans, denim shirt, long hair and cowboy boots is called from LA to the White House to ask what the First Lady would like today. Mrs Clinton, tired and frayed, says "Just cut it", those fatal words which bring a gleam to every hairdresser's eyes. First the velvet hairband and shoulder length preppy look was banished, then the impish feathered bob and now we have the Power Perm.

According to Dr Aileen Ribiero, a lecturer at the Courtauld Institute of Art, in London, Mrs Clinton is merely bowing to history. "Until the 1920s, everyone with status had to have curly hair. Women's fashion magazines, which started in Britain in the 1770s, were full of recipes for juices to help keep curls in and letters to the editor complained of the pain of clay curlers," she says.

"Even children were expected to keep their hair in rags. The late 18th century was particularly painful because then it was fashionable to look like a Greek goddess and the curls had to be very tightly knotted. Then there was a fuss in 1848 when Millais painted the Virgin Mary with straight red hair. Men wore curls too. Byron was caught in his room one night in his curlers."

Straight hair came in only with the Bloomsbury set and the new geometric lines. The Eton crop was in vogue and women used to wear it with kiss curls. Then the permanent wave, the "perm", was invented in the 1930s. Women no longer had to look like a Gorgon in bed and curly blonde glamour was back. Twiggy tried to defeat it but, by 1976, women couldn't get enough of the Farrah Fawcett look — layered, permed, bleached, blow dried and flicked.

Kate Moss seemed to have sounded a death-knell for the curl when she sauntered down the catwalks with her immaculately greased, tea-coloured hair that hung damply down her face in a centre parting. She proved that perms do not mix with Grunge as all the curls get tangled with the love beads. But for most women the lank, dank look just doesn't work. Who wants to have a head of hair thinner than a cup of skimmed milk and just as unappetising?

Baroness Thatcher and Julia Roberts have boycotted the Kate Moss look as has the Dowager Countess Spencer. She has a bouffant halo and says: "My hair is like rags unless I have a perm." Lady Thatcher transformed her appearance from a tight blonde bouffant to a softer swept back, ash-beige perm to win the 1983 election and would never return. Even Michelle Pfeiffer had her hair crimped for the Oscar ceremonies.

In fact, the big story for autumn 1993 is going to be the perm that doesn't look like a perm. This one is a favourite of Monica Seles. It is also the one that Mrs Clinton is sporting.

David Cross, communications manager for L'Oreal Coiffure which sells Dulcia, one of the most popular salon perms, says: "In 1992, perming was the number one salon service with women having 25.5 million perm applications so the perm has never disappeared. But whereas last year they had them in defiance of fashion trends, this year the soft, shiny perm with natural looking curls will be in."

Hairdressers will probably nudge the revival along. Mrs Clinton may laugh off her new styles saying that the new short look is part of her husband's enonomy drive, but the frizz does not come cheap. Lady Thatcher needed her tresses reset for an hour and a half twice a week, and all local hairdressers know that the blue rinse and perm is the mainstay of their finances. Even at Vidal Sassoon, trainees are expected to know The Afro, The Shake (a long layers and featured cut), The Halo (think Joanna Lumley), The Nefertiti (the tight perm) and the loose perm and set.

Mrs Clinton has obviously forgotten that there are drawbacks to having a permanent fluff — split ends and frizzy hair are just two. Perms can be tricky. Last month the *Los Angeles Times* reported that a man had firebombed several Los Angeles salons that had not crimped his hair properly. Hairdressers are not included in the Citizen's Charter so it is worth sacrificing a friend to check out a salon first.



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On the crest of a wave: gone is the impish bob as Hillary Clinton toughens up her image with her new look. She is in eminent company. Baroness Thatcher swears by her perm

The King is dead, long live the Emperor

An outsider from Japan with a mission in life won a pelvic victory over local talent in Tennessee





Tokyo to Tennessee: Yasumasa Mori's passionate sincerity had Elvis fans leaping from their seats

Almost one year ago, Yasumasa Mori clambered into a magnificently spangled white nylon jumpsuit, savagely backcombed his hair and lurched nervously onto the stage at Bad Bob's Vapours Club in Memphis, Tennessee. The performance he gave that night crowned him as the Elvis Presley Impersonation Champion of the World, king for a year and, in his case, a man with a mission for life.

As the first non-American to win the world's most revered Elvis contest, Mori-san must have something, because there is plenty he doesn't have. There are no luxurious swooping sideburns, no greased back hair, no lustrous blue eyes, nor the flawless dentistry that all the other aspiring Elvii (the accepted plural) were flaunting in the backstage dressing rooms that night at Bad Bob's. It seemed churlish to ask how a skinny, ex-trading company junior manager from Tokyo beat dozens of genuine look-alikes in imitating the famous hip shaker from Tupelo, Mississippi.

But I didn't need to ask. "I know I don't sound much like Elvis. I certainly don't look like him, but the big Elvis fans chose me because I sing from the bottom of my heart," he volunteered. All was made clear from a video tape of Mori-san's winning performance. As the rank outsider from the Orient ventured out onto the stage, weighed down with rhinestones and jewels the size of ping pong balls, the audience of several hundred middle aged Tennessee dames (officially known as "Elvis Widows") nudged each other in disbelief.

Apparently unperturbed, our 31-year-old hero launched himself into a roistering rendition of "Blue Suede Shoes". Suddenly the background twittering fell silent and the ladies sat up like a pack of hyenas alerted to luscious new prey. Dame Edna spectacles were perched on powdered noses and shoulders began to twitch.

Mori-san flung on a swirling A-line tasselled cape and plunged into "Hound Dog". He is lithe as a whip and has a terrific line in hip swivelling. The Elvis Widows were euphoric. They fell about, leaping up from their chairs for the bot numbers and quietly swooning in the slow numbers. At the end, Mori-san scampered off backstage, his brow agleam with sweat and with micro seconds to spare as hundreds of moist-lipped ladies lunged out onto the stage, clawing hands outstretched and bosoms heaving.

Mori-san has come a long way from his humble early homage to The King. "I used to be an ordinary kind of Japanese guy and ordinary Japanese guys just do not shake it. But then I learnt to move and I knew Elvis was in my reach." In his early incarnation as a rock'n'roll singer in the Lollipop Club in Tokyo, Mori-san's repertoire included a few Presley hits, but his early grapplings with the Elvis role were severely hindered by language difficulties.

Fortunately, on one of his fact finding missions to Memphis, he met the Canadian daughter of an Elvis Widow, herself also a passionate devotee of the cult of Elvis, who married him and began shaping him as the future King. There followed a long haul of serious training. Like a Japanese sushi chef who trains for two years just to learn how to boil his rice and another eight to master fish slicing and preparation skills, Mori-san put in 12 years of dedicated study.

He also amassed a heap of white nylon romper suits lovingly sewn with jewels and Elvis insignia, which he maintains with a dedication that verges on the sacramental. His tiny Tokyo apartment has Elvis memorabilia pinned on everything you can stick a pin into.

When he hands over his crown next month to the new world Elvis champion, Mori-san will not be hanging up his spangled jumpsuits to go back to Lollipop Club rock'n'roll standards. He has a mission to keep the Elvis name alive in Japan.

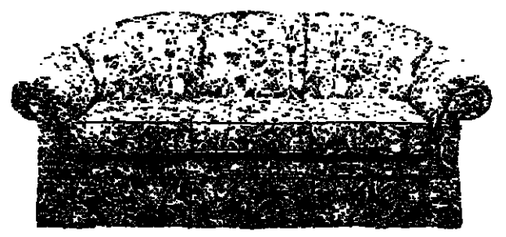
Concerned that the average Japanese man on the street barely knows Elvis from his elbow, Mori-san plans to train a new generation of young Japanese in the fine arts of Elvis impersonation. "I'm going to stick with being a professional Elvis impersonator, my goal is to teach Japan how great Elvis really was. My chosen task is serious and difficult, but I believe I can succeed."

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■ Think for yourself, says the professor, but only in the approved way

Instead of thoughts, it was once said, the English have traditions. We prefer *dancing round the maypole and beating* the parish bounds to sitting in cafés discussing Proust; we favour the philistinism of our forefathers rather than the character-sapping perils of book-learning; we would die to defend Shakespeare's English, yet never read a word of it.

But this is a cruel stereotype. The idea that *the British are an unintellectual race is one of* the great canards, spread by credulous Englishmen who get an inferiority complex every time they go to Paris. Why should we be any less proud of Bertrand Russell or Michael Oakeshott than the French are of Sartre or Foucault? Which country, after all, did Marx and Hayek choose to make their *intellectual home? Britain has always had* plenty of intellectuals, albeit of the tweedy don rather than the *rive gauche* variety. What we have managed to do without so far is an intelligentsia: although Britain produces the occasional Bloomsbury or *Encounter* group, our intellectuals are the most individualistic in the world. They do not *function as an organised cohort or guild.*

This is why Edward Said's Reith Lectures, which continue tonight on Radio 4, have caused such a stir. Forty-five years after Russell gave the first of these blue-chip broadcasts, Professor Said, who teaches literature at Columbia University and is a famous critic of colonial mentalities, has *chosen the role of the intellectual as his* theme. His approach may make sense in the salons of Manhattan, but in a country where *there is no socially recognisable and distinct* intellectual class, the idea that thinkers must be allotted a "role" doesn't ring true.

Odder still is Professor Said's conclusion. Those who make their living from thought, *he suggests, face a basic and unavoidable* decision. "The major choice faced by the intellectual", he says, "is whether to be allied *with the stability* of the victors, or . . . to consider that stability a state of urgency threatening the less fortunate." And no prizes for guessing which side true intellectuals are supposed to take. To be loyal to their craft, they must champion "the weaker, the less well-represented, the forgotten or ignored" in preference to the oligarchs and the fat cats. They must, to use Professor Said's own image, play cerebral Robin Hood to the dispossessed, just as he himself has long supported the Palestinian cause.

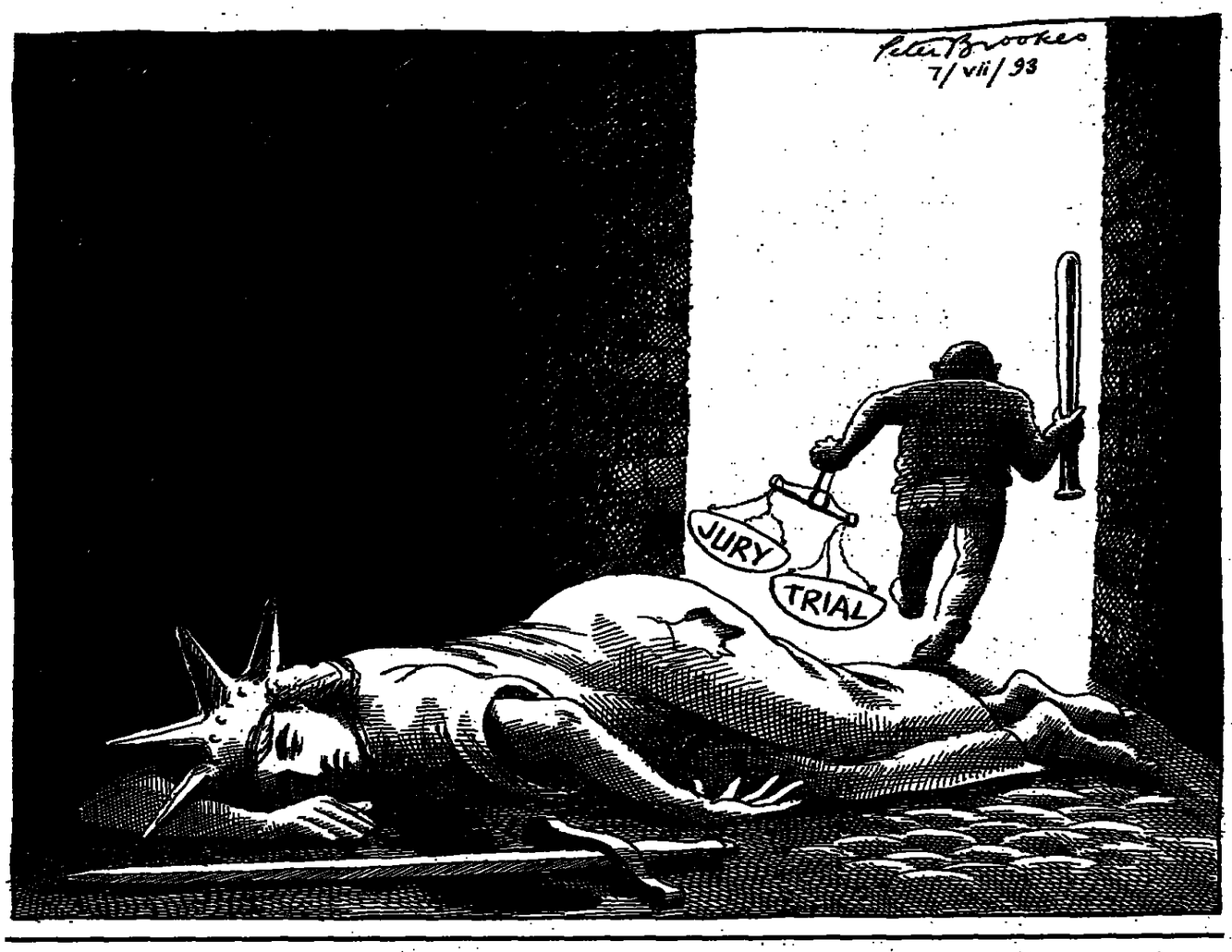
Scholars, of course, have always fancied themselves as subversives; in the quiet of the library, every don dreams of *smashing the citadel or storming the Bast*ille. My favourite example is Isaac Babel's slightly unhinged account of his spell as a red Cossack. Reading his short stories on the subject, you realise he had always longed for a bit of aggro and relished the chance to slaughter peasants and farm animals.

I am not suggesting Professor Said secretly wants to be a red Cossack. But he certainly wants to be something other than a pure scholar. His definition of intellectualism is so fantastically narrow that you wonder whether the recent proof of Fermat's *Theorem would qualify. Banner-waving is* easy; but most intellectual problems are far more complex than choosing which political basket to put your eggs in — or which chat-show to appear on.

Professor Said is quite right that intellectuals must be sceptical and question orthodoxy. But that does not mean they must be *revolutionary, liberal or even compassion*ate, aspects of character which have nothing to do with intellectual excellence. It may be a human instinct to side with the underdog, but it is not necessarily a scholarly one.

This is why Professor Said's stall will attract few customers in this country. Intellectuals may not be revered in Britain as they are elsewhere in Europe but they are protected from the delusion that their work is part of some grander moral scheme. If British scholarly life is too fragmented and undervalued, that is a price worth paying for intellectual independence. The minute that restrictions and conditions are imposed upon scholarship, scholarship ceases. In truth, the belief that thinkers must side with one group rather than another leads to the hateful culture of the Soviet writers' union. Alas for Professor Said, his ideas are all too orthodox.

Alan Coren is on holiday.



Losing a paramilitary war

As well as questioning the services' claim on resources, the government should now face the truth about the IRA

Simon Jenkins

Question: what is the chief threat to Britain's security at present? Which enemy induces most public aversion, kills most soldiers, terrorises ministers into arming their cars and fortifying their offices as never before in British history? Which enemy so corrupts the police and pollutes the judiciary that yesterday's Runciman Commission had to consider curtailing civil liberties? What periodically wrecks British towns, encases Downing Street in chain-mail and reduces the Corporation of London to such inanities as this week's "ring of steel" road-blocks? Which threat should prompt the most urgent defence review?

The answer was not even mentioned in Monday's defence white paper. It was *delivered instead to the citizens of* Newtownards in the form of 1,500 lb of high explosive. The enemy is the Irish Republican Army.

But the IRA is not named in the defence review, lest like the title *Macbeth* it should bring bad luck on the actors in the drama. Northern Ireland is the *British soldier's longest post-war* engagement, now in its 24th year. The IRA is one foe that Britain has yet to vanquish.

The rest of the white paper is sensible. In contrast to the 1991 "Options for Change" review, every sentence of which looked nervously over its shoulder at the *defence lobbies*, "Defending Our Future" is clear and uncompromising. The defence secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, has done what retired generals and editorial writers have long demanded. *He has looked ahead not back, tried to* match commitments to resources, and pointed out that since enemies nowadays change by the month (often at the bidding of television news), armies must be more flexible. Britain is not strategically threatened. No missiles are pointing at us. It makes no sense to *impoverish the public sector by pretending* otherwise.

The Royal Navy has got its come-uppance. It lobbied fanatically two years ago for an extravagant and unnecessary fourth Trident submarine, now impossible to cancel. As punishment it will lose some of its beloved frigates and all its *new diesel submarines, designed to defy* the Russian Murmansk fleet in the waters around Iceland. Pouring money into these ships makes as much sense as telling doctors to campaign against leprosy and bubonic plague. The threat is not palpable. Such ship orders have become little more than high-class job-*creation schemes. Both the RAF and the* navy have been told to concentrate on helping the army.

This is what I call a proper review. Common sense has triumphed over whizz-bangs and lobbyists. War, whether limited or total, is about territory and the ability to capture and defend it. Territory is defended by men in armour. Whether in the Falklands or Kuwait or Bosnia, ground troops win or lose wars. *That is why current American* power projection — wary of committing ground troops — is so ineffective. Bombs, shells and missiles from planes and ships make pretty pictures and delight defence salesmen. But they merely cause mayhem.

In any foreseeable *conflict, as Mr Rifkind* gently implies, the job of planes and ships is primarily to give logistical support to ground operations. Orders for helicopter carriers, assault vessels and transport planes are to increase. If the Canadians want to buy our diesel submarines to please their own naval lobbies, that is their business. As for a "fully integrated *force" to stage a future Falklands* reconquest, the less said in favour of that the better.

A defence review should compel the public periodically to face the horrors, the costs and the hypocrisies of armed conflict. Tory right-wingers bay for public spending cuts one day and the next day condemn those that threaten their soldier friends. They twitter on about quarts in pint pots, yet never say what should be the percentage of national wealth that goes into defence: Britain's 4.1 per cent, or Germany's 2.2 per cent, or France's 3.4 per cent. Defence debates have long been a sanity-free wilderness, roamed only by dinosaurs in gold braid and their attendant lobbyists.

Yet the seductiveness of war, of institutionalised violence, is intense. Television coverage impels democracies to ask soldiers to fight far from their interests, in Beirut and Somalia and Cambodia. To me there always seemed some*thing mythical about Cold War strategy* — was it really conceivable that 12 Russian divisions would sweep westwards across the central European plain? *was* a medium-range nuclear exchange really likely? — but at least nuclear fear restrained us from becoming soldiers of morality in every civil war going.

Now the war lobby must move carefully. Magnificently attired soldiers, inviting starry-eyed politicians to their *feasts, must argue new for roles and* budgets. They abuse ministers for being "Treasury-led", but who else can fix priorities when the chiefs of staff demand four Trident submarines, a new Euro-fighter and any number of frigates and aircraft carriers? The services still employ *155,000 staff* on 600,000 acres of land, every acre of which they defend with the tenacity of a Bosnian *warlord. Mr Rifkind is* tough towards front-line services, but is as timid as his forerunners about cutting bases and headquarters. The MoD still "double-banks" civilians and servicemen in top jobs.

Yet all this seems far removed from the British army's biggest, most intractable and least glamorous commitment. The army's presence in Northern Ireland, after a slow withdrawal in favour of the local police and territorials a decade ago, is again near its historic maximum: roughly 20,000 men, of whom *two-thirds* are from the mainland. This is the direct result of political hesitancy in the face of IRA success.

The cost in every sense is devastating. Last year more than 80 people died in the violence in *Ulster, including six* British soldiers. Two hundred million pounds has been paid in compensation since 1990. In England, outrages such as the Warrington and City of London bombs, inflated by excessive publicity, have warped policy in bizarre directions. The City of London chose this week to give the IRA its biggest coup since Margaret Thatcher gated Downing Street: banning through traffic from Bishopsgate. Even the Luftwaffe never achieved this. The barriers will not deter the IRA, which can plant huge bombs even inside Belfast's much tighter security cordon. They invite it to try.

The defence review says that in Northern Ireland the army is merely "supplying military aid to the civil power". It is a proxy police force. There is no strategic issue for discussion. But supplying aid to a civil power is now the army's prime role. General Sir Frank *Kitson's 1971 prediction (in his book Low* Intensity Operations) has come true. The soldier of the future is essentially a paramilitary. His job is counter-insurgency, anti-terrorist, peace-keeping, policing, constantly enmeshed in the politics of unstable communities. The modern officer, said Sir Frank, should *beware the martial qualities of bravery* and aggression. He should cultivate "deviousness, patience and determination to outwit an opponent". He is a publicist before he is a sharpshooter.

In Bosnia, the British army has endured the reduction to absurdity of *Kitson's thesis. The Cheshires* went into action under a public political order (from the then army minister Archie Hamilton) to retreat in the event of enemy attack. How would *that look on the battle honours? Yet in* Hong Kong, Belize and Cyprus, the army is unlikely to do any fighting. All are "civil power support" operations.

None is more so than Northern Ireland. With the collapse of Sir Patrick Mayhew's latest "initiative" — how many Ulster secretaries must tug vainly *at this sword in the stone? — Northern* Ireland's low-intensity war has hotted up. Bombs now go off whenever and wherever the IRA wishes for publicity. Sectarian killings are rising. Yet the *Whitehall/Stormont lobby that does* nothing and talks about "containing the violence" remains ascendant. Hopes that John Major might tell Sir Patrick to go for an enforced settlement and end direct rule have evaporated. War has exerted its curious magic.

This war is not being won at present. *As "low-intensity operations" go, it has* become a disaster, and like most military disasters, it is not of the army's making. It is a political war. But nothing will concentrate political minds, either in London or Belfast, as long as defence reviews pretend that Northern Ireland is a little local difficulty. At least the army *has stopped saying it is winning.* Perhaps its next jolt should be openly to declare the truth: that by not winning, it *is losing.*

In the true interests of justice

Gareth Williams welcomes the Royal Commission report

In almost every respect, the report of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice is a masterly piece of work. The commission was established on March 14, 1991, the very day on which the Court of Appeal finally overturned the convictions of the Birmingham Six. The context was therefore one of cumulative unease about miscarriages of justice, a perceived malaise in the judicial and legal system, and a deep dissatisfaction with what had formerly been admired and revered.

Our judicial system is essentially adversarial — the state, having laid a criminal charge, is obliged to prove its validity beyond reasonable doubt — *but* there are within it elements of inquisition. The Royal Commission recommends the retention of the adversarial system, but advocates the introduction of elements of efficiency and purpose which have been lacking.

There are useful proposals about scientific evidence: extending police powers to take samples in certain cases, to retain DNA samples after conviction of serious crime to enable a DNA databank and, long overdue, permitting *computerised* recognition of fingerprints.

Jurors will be given more consideration. Court sitting hours may be more flexible in future; they will have to be better compensated for loss of wages. A judge may also be empowered to order that up to three of the 12 jurors should be *from an ethnic minority.*

The route to the criminal court of appeal has hitherto been either through an appeal by the convicted defendant, or by reference to the court by the Home Secretary, under the Criminal Appeal Act 1968. The latter procedure has failed to work (the Home Office says it cannot refer a case unless there is fresh evidence but will not itself seek such evidence), and anyway it is wrong that the executive should have this power, for the separation of executive and judicial *power is a fundamental principle.*

It is now proposed that there should be a criminal cases review authority, funded by public money but entirely independent of both the Home Office and the court of appeal. Its work would be to consider allegations of miscarriages of justice, usually after a failed appeal or a *refusal to grant leave to appeal.*

Where appropriate, an applicant would be interviewed by the authority, and in cases where further investigation was thought to be needed, the authority would have power to order a police investigation, to supervise the enquiry, and to direct the police to follow relevant *lines of questioning. If as a result* reasons were found to suppose that a miscarriage had occurred, there would be a reference back to the court of appeal, which would then come to its *own conclusion. It is important, I think,* that the final word remains within the judicial system.

There would be both lawyers and lay people on the authority, where they would be assisted by administrators and special advisers. The authority would be obliged to produce an annual report to be placed before Parliament. Of great importance, an applicant will, where appropriate, be interviewed by the authority. At the moment the Home Office do not speak to, or see, applicants. *This recommendation ought to be made* effective at once and should be the beginning of the long journey back to the restoration of public confidence.

Judicial standards in this country are high. Judges are neither financially nor politically corrupt. But the *Judicial Studies Board, which oversees* the training of judges, is lamentably under-resourced and underfunded. It cannot do the work it wants to do.

The Royal Commission recommends that substantially more resources be provided for the training of judges, and suggests proper monitoring of performance and *more intensive obligatory* training. It also recommends that in cases of serious inefficiency — perhaps, inappropriate remarks on a regular basis — the presiding judge should be removed by the Lord Chancellor.

The controversial right to silence has also been addressed by the commission. This has *two components. The first is the* right to silence in a police station. The second is the present right to remain silent (except in alibi and expert evidence cases), which enables the defence to ambush the prosecution with unexpected evidence in court. The first part will be retained, but the commission advocates requiring the *defendant to give a* broad outline of his defence. Bearing in mind that defendants are now legally represented and are told the prosecution case in full, this is reasonable.

The serious blemish in an otherwise admirable report, is the proposal that in those cases where the accused can now opt for trial by jury, this right should be removed, and in cases where the Crown Prosecution Service does not agree to trial by jury, the magistrates would have the power to decide. This would be madness. There are delays and inefficiencies at present, but the way to deal with them is to improve the mechanics, not to erode a fundamental civil liberty. How will a defendant feel about his case if he has failed to obtain a jury trial and has his case heard in the very magistrate's court that refused him his present rights? I hope that Parliament will refuse to countenance legislation of this kind.

Lord Williams of Mostyn QC is an opposition spokesman on legal affairs in the House of Lords and a former chairman of the Bar.

All a-quiver

HE MAY have blown a £1 billion hole in her armed forces and stripped her yacht of its warship *status, but Malcolm Rifkind is de*termined to show he takes the Queen's security seriously.

He has joined the Royal Company of Archers, the honourable bodyguard of "noblemen and country gentlemen" who since 1676 have protected the monarch in Scotland and who after yesterday's fiasco at Buckingham Palace could find their duties suddenly extended south of the border.

Rifkind has already received his green uniform, trimmed with red and completed by a bonnet with an eagle feather. It arrived in time for what should have been his first official function, a royal garden party at Holyrood House last week. But claiming cabinet responsibilities, he failed to make his first rehearsal, and attended the party in traditional sober suit, so robbing enterprising lensmen of a notable photo opportunity.

But Rifkind, now the target of cross-party and military criticism, will have a chance for some target-practice of his own next month, when the company holds an archery afternoon at Holyrood.

Lord Clydesmuir, Captain General of the bodyguard since 1988 — for which he is entitled to wear *three* eagle feathers in his bonnet — is pleased to welcome Rifkind to the company, which he proudly points out makes no demand on the public purse. "Mr Rifkind cannot get his hands on our company. It is an entirely voluntary organisation free from the government," he says. Clydesmuir, who has a distinguished military career behind him, probably has strong views on Rifkind's cuts, but diplomatically, he declines to be drawn. However he and his band of men do appear to have a veiled warning for the defence secretary. "It is not true to say we are armed to the teeth. We have longbows and arrows. *But my sword, I have to* tell you, is very sharp."



● *After presenting the findings of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, Lord Runciman must be looking forward to relaxing tonight with a well-earned glass of bubbly at a party at Spencer House to mark the 90th birthday of his uncle, Sir Steven Runciman. The celebrated historian and Byzantinist will be surrounded by friends including Princess Margaret, the exiled King and Queen of Greece, and a clutch of leading lawyers and judges, who will no doubt lose little time in telling his nephew exactly what they think of his report. Make that two glasses.*

Pssst!

MICHAEL FOOT'S tutelage of the young Neil Kinnock is well known, but quite how haphazard their working relationship was at the start has, until now, been unchronicled. In *Kinnock: The Inside Story*, an LWT documentary next week, Kinnock reveals how, in 1976, having turned down approaches to work as PPS to other senior figures in the Labour government, he approached Foot for the same job.

Kinnock recalls: "I came up with this great wheeze, that I would say 'No, I'm sorry, I would love to be your PPS but I can't be because I've already agreed to be Michael Foot's PPS', so I saw him and he said, 'Well I don't really want a PPS', and I said, 'Well, I don't want to be a PPS, but it would make my life a bit easier.' 'Oh, all right,' he said, and I said, 'Well, I'll do it for a year'. He said 'Yes, well OK. *I'm very glad if you will do it* but I don't see why people should have them'." What a shame they didn't stick to plan A.

● *Publishers don't miss a trick do they? As John Major flew into Japan for the G7 summit, copies of Nesta Wyn Ellis's biography* John Major: A Modest Maverick *were being piled onto shelves in Tokyo bookstores. But the once gushing biographer has long since fallen out of love with her subject. A new chapter has been added for the Japanese edition, in which she writes: "The prime minister takes too long to make a decision, lacks self-confidence and is stubborn. These characteristics affect everything he does."*

Pig of a house?

SOME apprehension at the National Art Collections Fund, the independent body which raises money for the nation's art galleries, ahead of it move later this year from its present base at the Tate to a house in South Kensington.

The society's 36,000 members were delighted when they heard that the stucco five-storey house they bought earlier this year was formerly home to the Pre-Raphaelite painter John Everett Millais. However, NACF staff are more *than a little nervous about break*ing the news to their members that it was also, in the 1950s, home to Francis Bacon, an artist whose uncompromising style appears to be *not quite their cup of tea.*

Rupert Hambro admits some members may be unsettled by the Bacon link, but is confident it will quickly be overcome. "My family owns a restaurant in Jermyn Street, Wilton's, which was a brothel before. That has never stopped people going there."

Crowns: A glimpse

THE Prince of Wales, who only days ago signalled his support for Britain's historic houses, is also busy saving churches. Prince Charles will be in the front pew *tomorrow at the rededication* service for his parish church, a few yards from Highgrove. The church, at Tetbury, has just reopened after a year-long restoration programme costing £500,000.

The prince was very much a hands-on patron says Reverend John Hawthorne, the vicar. "I went to see him at Highgrove to discuss our proposals. He made positive criticisms of the plans."

Lord Coggan, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will preside over the service. Coggan ordained Hawthorne, who for once is taking *centre stage from his wife,* Rosemary, author of the books *Knickers: An Intimate Appraisal*, and *Bras: A Private View*, and *Stockings and Suspenders: A Quick Flash.* The vicar says: "She is forsaking knickers for the serious side of her art; a weekend exhibition of Christening, bridal and mourning fashion, and flowers."

A JUST COMMISSION

The Runciman report is good in most of its parts

Few policy statements have been so burdened by expectation as yesterday's report by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice. Lord Runciman's enquiry was set up two years ago in response to a series of grave miscarriages of justice, in order to find ways of strengthening the rights of the defendant. Because the commission's work was carried out in such an admirably public way, it has been subjected to other, quite separate pressures and demands. It has generally withstood them well.

Since 1991, popular alarm at the failure of the courts and the police to put criminals behind bars has risen dramatically, while the public spending review has forced the justice system to find economies. Last week's white paper and Sheehy report on the police reflected and responded to these growing concerns. Given this steady expansion of the commission's brief, it says much for Lord Runciman that his final report is so coherent and that its recommendations are so specific and pragmatic. Public confidence would not have been restored by reckless reform, and where no change is needed — in the case of the adversarial system, for instance — the enquiry has said so.

The commission's findings, which will now be considered by Michael Howard, the home secretary, address most of the failings which led to the wrongful imprisonment of the Birmingham Six and Guildford Four. The report calls for video taping of independent witnessing of confessions, and recommends that, although uncorroborated confessions be retained, judges should alert juries if a confession is unsupported by other evidence. The proposals for better regulation of forensic standards and for state forensic laboratories available to prosecution and defence should also be welcomed.

More questionable is the commission's call for a new independent tribunal to consider alleged miscarriages of justice. The proposed Criminal Cases Review Authority, staffed by lay and professional appointees of the prime minister and Lord Chancellor, would hear applications from convicted individuals or the court of appeal, supervise police investigation and refer cases back to the courts where appropriate. In its suggested form, it would combine the role of quango, judge and investigator, effectively adding a new tier to the judicial system and confusing the public's perception of the court of appeal. There is also a risk that such a body would too often take its lead from the level of public pressure. Creating new institutions is no sure way to correct the faults of the courts.

The English justice system is and should continue to be weighted in favour of the defendant. The commission was well-advised not to tamper with the right to silence in the dock and the right to refuse to answer police questions. But it has sensibly suggested that the defence be required to disclose the outline of its case before a trial or risk unfavourable comment by the judge. This would prevent the collapse of prosecutions because of late "ambush" defences and bring order and fairness to the rules on disclosure.

Most of these proposals, however, are likely to be overshadowed by the Treasury-led call for the abolition of the right to elect trial by jury. The need to cut legal costs has quite properly influenced the commission. It has, for instance, recommended a limited system of plea bargaining, which would enable judges to offer sentence discounts if a defendant pleaded guilty in advance and thus prevented the courts' time from being wasted. Since a day in the Crown Court costs £7,000, the desire to limit abuse of the right to choose jury trial is understandable.

But cost-cutting alone cannot justify its abolition. Nor would such a dramatic change necessarily prove cost-effective. Far too often cases are committed to the Crown Court because magistrates believe, wrongly, that they lack the necessary sentencing power. Before removing a pillar of the English common law, Mr Howard should seek to improve the training of magistrates in this particular area and the legal advice given to defendants, which often misleads them into thinking that they will be treated more leniently in the Crown Court. An early statement by the home secretary on this matter would enable the government to focus on the many admirable proposals included in Lord Runciman's report. Mr Howard must not allow public anxiety to overshadow the formidable legislative task ahead of him.

HEALTH OF NATIONS

Better directed health care could make millions richer

Health is wealth. The cliché is of relatively modern origin even in the West. Disraeli's public health reforms are little more than a century old. It is also rare to find it taken literally. Few, even today, accept that there is just as solid an economic rate of return to be had from investing in health as there is from wider literacy or even from sinking gold-mines. Public support for worldwide programmes to reduce infant mortality, lengthen life spans and eradicate diseases such as smallpox has largely sprung from humanitarian, not economic, impulses. Yet the economic impulse is the theme of *Investing in Health*, the World Bank's venture into the tangled business of health care.

The objections seem obvious. What if investment in health led to more — too many more — mouths to feed? When the World Bank affirms that the rate at which health has improved since 1950 is unmatched in history, and the UN simultaneously publishes a gloomladen report about the consequences of rapid population growth, the temptation is to put the two together.

In the developing world, as the World Bank's report acknowledges, there tends to be a timelag of two or more decades between falling child mortality and lower fertility rates. Hence the extraordinarily high post-war rates of population growth, and hence the near-certainty that the world's population of nearly 5.6 billion will double before it stabilises. But, just as in nineteenth century Britain, there remains a clear correlation between better child healthcare and falling birth rates in Asia, Latin America and — less certainly — in Africa.

The most forceful message, however, that the bank has for policy-makers concerns not postwar successes but the "millions of lives and billions of dollars" that could be saved by radically redirecting health spending and slightly increasing it. The number of lives sayed runs into millions because most of the commonest killers such as measles, whooping cough, complications of pregnancy and water-born diseases could be cheaply prevented or cured. The dollar savings reach billions because premature death or disability lost the world, on the Bank's estimates, 1.4 billion years of healthy (and in many cases productive) life in 1990 alone.

Most of the nearly $2000 billion the world spends on health care is, in the bank's view, "either spent on the wrong things, or wasted". Its response is twofold: more "barefoot medicine"; and a broader attack on poverty — including, refreshingly, proposals outside the health sector such as better education for girls, which invariably pays dividends in child health as well as smaller families. If a small fraction of this money — as little as $12 a head in poor countries — were redirected to basic public health and sanitation, and to clinics providing simple treatments, illness could be reduced by a quarter. All but the poorest countries could achieve this by shifting spending; only the poorest would need increased Western aid.

The bank appeals not just to altruism but to self-interest, citing, for example, the 25 million hectares freed for cultivation by the programme which protects 30 million Africans from river-blindness. When it started talking about "economic rates of return" from healthcare in the 1970s, the bank was vilified for callousness. Governments are beginning to listen; and about time too.

ANOTHER HISTORIC NOTCH

Cricketing statistics are annals of the English tribe

In the backward-looking eye of history, to manage to draw a test match against Australia is not the summit of English sporting achievement. Yesterday, however, it felt like it. For the first time for years, for a short time after lunch England looked like winning, and deserved to win. Having been abused throughout the land and the media as pig-headed incompetents, the chairman of the England cricket committee and his selectors are suddenly being hailed as prophets.

This game may be little noted nor long remembered by the general public. The new frequency of international matches has made each particular one less memorable. But at least Graham Thorpe, aged 23, has written his name into the chronicles of the tribe by scoring a century in his first test against Australia. The last time this was done by an England player was by the Nawab of Pataudi, 60 years ago. And that was in Sydney; and he was not English. The only two England players to have made centuries against Australia in their first tests in England before were W. G. Grace, at the Oval in 1880, and Ranjitsinhji, at Manchester in 1896.

Cricket is notoriously a little more than a game and a little less than a religion. It is the only activity in which the present can be ranked against the past so precisely. Nobody compares modern novelists and their scores by the age of 23 with Dickens, or politicians with Pitt. Cricket, because of its antiquity and complexity, and having *Wisden* (1,376 closely printed pages this year) and other tablets of stone to record the ancient scores, is the best game for number-crunchers.

In spite of the incredulity of Americans (who have a similar though younger mania for the records of baseball), cricket is a complete game because it offers something for everyone. The hopelessly unathletic can enjoy the statistics, over which there is endless argument. Even the introduction this year of computers to score does not remove imprecision. Computers are only as good as the data tapped into them, and the amateurs who score for love of the game on county grounds may be better with pencil and score-book than keyboard. Graham Thorpe's debutante century, besides alleviating the nation's grumpiness, has written him a footnote to the kind of record that lasts longer in England than the annals of budgets and royal commissions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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New challenge on Euro-citizenship

From Mr David Carlisle

Sir, Lord Bumerfield (letter, July 1) may not know that some people are working to give the concept of European citizenship a rather greater significance than loyalty to a university college.

The European Parliament's committee on institutional affairs has considered various options, including one "to transfer the concept of citizenship/nationality to the [European] Union level". It re-drafted on April 1 a constitution for Europe which takes more than three pages to define citizens' rights. And Conservative MEPs have joined the European People's party, which is committed to "the transfer of sovereignty from member states to the union".

During the Lords debate on June 22 on the European Communities (Amendment) Bill one influential peer, Lord Ewing of Kirkford, said

> ... if I have to choose between citizenship of a wider Europe or nationalism, my choice every time will be citizenship of a wider Europe. (Hansard, June 22, col 262.)

Choice lies at the heart of the issue. Citizenship is an individual decision. Citizenship by conviction is a fine thing; citizenship, of anywhere, by compulsion, is not. Independent peers who want to pursue their own convictions may perhaps acknowledge that the public should also be allowed to pursue theirs.

When the Lords resume their debate on July 12 they will be given the chance to ensure the public's right to do this. An amendment will be tabled to the Maastricht bill which would give every British citizen a right to choose for him or her self whether he or she wants to be a citizen of the new European Union.

The government, from the prime minister down, is committed to a "belief in people's right to be informed and choose for themselves" (John Major, introducing the citizen's charter).

Government ministers and whips are working hard to make sure the voting goes their way. They should be watched carefully. If they oppose the amendment they will be exposing what they really think about Britons' right to individual choice.

I remain, Sir, yours etc,
DAVID CARLISLE,
4 St Martin's Road, SW9.
July 2.

Russian economy

From Professor P. N. Campbell

Sir, While agreeing with your leading article, "An idea worth backing" (June 25), that the West must help Russia, my recent experience causes me to think that such help must be strictly conditional.

I attended a meeting of Russian scientists in Moscow in mid-June and was amazed to see the difference from a year ago. Everything appears to be available for money so that the streets are crowded with the latest Mercedes and BMWs. I was not surprised to be told that Russia is now a leading export market for Mercedes. A wide range of imported goods is available while home production lags badly.

Scientists leave university posts to get in on the act of selling imports. The so-called Mafia can change their roubles into dollars at comparatively good rates.

What is a simple British taxpayer to make of all this? Will our aid merely go to line the pockets of the new rich without helping to cure the basic faults of the Russian economy?

Yours faithfully,
PETER CAMPBELL,
1 Hillside Gardens, Highgate, N6.

1984 tactics

From Mr J. A. Greenbank

Sir, Shades of Winston Smith: in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, when the chocolate ration was reduced from 30oz to 20oz and people were told it was an increase, they believed it. Not Winston, of course!

Today in nearly all the papers and on the wireless (report, June 29) we were told the pound is the strongest currency in Europe. Can it be that only yesterday we got DM3 or 10Fr for a pound?

Yours faithfully,
J. A. GREENBANK,
15 Hawkstone Avenue, Guiseley,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
June 29.

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Tidy graveyards

From Mrs B. A. Gillies

Sir, May I support the Bishop of Oxford's plea for conservation in churchyards (report, June 22; letters, June 30). They are often among the remaining areas which have not been sprayed over the past ten or 20 years and so may contain seeds or wild flowers which might otherwise become extinct locally.

I recently visited a churchyard in East Sussex glorious with its wild flowers, including masses of wild orchids. Where else could I have seen such a magnificent sight?

Yours faithfully,
B. A. GILLIES,
Red Barn, Biddenden,
Ashford, Kent.
July 1.

A better hope for the mentally ill

From Professor Robin M. Murray

Sir, Mrs Bottomley (report, July 3) deserves to be congratulated for her attempts to improve the lot of the mentally ill, presently suffering under a system euphemistically entitled "care in the community". Unfortunately, members of the community care only when their route to the theatre is blocked by dishevelled, hallucinating schizophrenics, or when a paranoid person lashes out at his imaginary persecutors, killing an innocent passer-by.

Mrs Bottomley is the heir to a policy which has condemned the psychotic to wander the streets in numbers which have not been seen since the 18th century. As NHS facilities for the mentally ill have closed, so local authorities have failed to provide adequate alternatives. Consequently, psychiatrists such as I are forced to persuade our patients that they must leave our units, not because they have recovered, but because their places are required by those even more disturbed than they.

Our actions come perilously close to breaking the Hippocratic oath, and we know that tragedies are inevitable, either because we have discharged an ill person precipitately, or alternatively have not, and a distraught person waiting for a place has committed suicide.

Would compulsory treatment orders help? I think they will, for the improved medications that have recently become available mean that the symptoms of schizophrenia can be cured or ameliorated in the vast majority of people if treatment is started early.

Conversely, we know that the longer people are left to their "voices" the less well they will respond to treatment. However, compulsory treatment orders cannot be seen as a substitute for well resourced community care.

In an adequately resourced service the staff have time to develop a good relationship with their clients, who come to trust them and to take their advice, thus avoiding the need for compulsion. Unfortunately, in the present situation, we are forced frequently to betray that trust.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN M. MURRAY,
Institute of Psychiatry,
Department of Psychological Medicine,
De Crespigny Park, SE5.
July 5.

From the President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

Sir, Schizophrenia and its treatment are currently under the spotlight. The vast majority of sufferers can safely be looked after out of hospital. Patients and their relatives prefer this.

However, there must be care from a consultant psychiatrist, a key worker — often a community psychiatric nurse — and a general practitioner.

Accommodation must include both the availability of acute psychiatric in-patient beds, and housing suitable for and acceptable to the patient.

Treatment needs to include both anti-psychotic drugs and psycho-social interventions and there must be legislation, such as the introduction of the community supervision order, as advocated by the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Finally, organisation of the specialist services should be directed to the needs of the severely mentally ill.

These five points are the essential minimum and they require increased resources from government. Unfortunately, the reduced proportion of National Health Service hospital expenditure for mental illness that took place in the 1980s has never been corrected.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW SIMS,
President,
The Royal College of Psychiatrists,
17 Belgrave Square, SW1.
July 5.

Understanding science

From Professor A. J. Rogers

Sir, Bernard Levin is known as a writer of high reputation and frequent good sense, but when he ventures into his unknown (science) his sense deserts him ("Mastered by the universe", June 29). It is, in fact, he who misses the point, for what he has failed to grasp is that the primary purpose of science is to *understand* the world.

It is altogether possible that a full understanding of the processes which brought the universe into existence might for ever elude us mere mortals, but the fact remains that the universe palpably exists, has certain enduring properties and is known to be changing with time.

An attempt to construct testable, self-consistent hypotheses concerning its past history (including its origin) can only add to our understanding of its nature and structure and, in any case, enhances our culture by stretching, expanding and refining our intellect in a way which no other human pursuits either do or can. Science provides the ultimate test of the ingenuity and creativity of the human intelligence.

Mr Levin's quotation from Shakespeare provides evidence of another aspect of the human intelligence, an ability very beautifully to phrase our emotional interaction with the world. Scientists can enjoy and appreciate such wonderful talents and expressiveness.

Very few "arts" people, however, have the reciprocal abilities with regard to the achievements of science, or are prepared to make the effort to acquire them.

It is this basic asymmetry which so punishes our country's culture, and is a primary reason why, if matters are allowed to remain as they are, we shall continue to fall farther and farther behind those countries with a great enlightenment.

Yours faithfully,
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University of London,
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Strand, WC2.
July 4.

Greek and Turk

From Mr Robin Corbett, MP for Birmingham, Erdington (Labour)

Sir, Mr Osman Streater's analogy (letter, June 29) between Greeks and Turks on the one hand and oil and water on the other is too simplistic, and untrue. For many years both Cypriot communities lived together peacefully in Cyprus.

Should Mr Denktas drop his opposition to confidence-building measures supported by the United Nations Security Council, inter-communal relations can be re-established.

The Turkish military aggression of 1974 can only properly be termed "invasion". This is because, under the treaty of guarantee, Turkey could intervene only to restore the order established by the 1960 Agreements and not to create a de-facto (internationally unrecognised) entity. It is therefore hard to understand what Professor Murray Forsyth (letter, June 30) means by Turkey's "scrupulous regard to legality".

The simultaneous rejection of the latest UN-sponsored confidence-building measures by Mr Denktas and the sheltering of Mr Nadir call for action by the British government.

If we wish to deal with the problem of Cyprus on a permanent basis then we cannot allow permanent intransigence. Continued defiance of the international community and complete disregard of UN resolutions must involve some cost, for peacemaking efforts to have a chance of success.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN CORBETT
(Joint Vice-Chairman,
Friends of Cyprus),
House of Commons.
July 1.

From Mr Fikret Dervish

Sir, Lord Bethell's letter (June 25) only confirms his lordship's ignorance of the long suffering of Turkish Cypriots under a Greek-dominated so-called "republic" and their ultimate salvation in 1974 by Turkey as a guarantor. His suggestion that the British government should penalise the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus by some kind of embargo because of the Nadir case is ridiculous.

Who needs enemies when we have Lord Bethell as the chairman of "Friends of Cyprus"?

Yours faithfully,
FIKRET DERVISH
(Chairman),
The Council of Turkish Cypriot Associations (UK),
123 Whittington Road,
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The US in Europe

From Group Captain P. W. Johnson

Sir, Europe should take notice of the warnings in Rosemary Righter's article, "What if America takes a back seat?" (July 3). The key is the quotation from the Ditchley meeting that Nato is "going to have to do something which makes it an organisation to which we (the Americans) *have* to be committed".

As in 1949, the best way to effect this would be within a new institutional framework. This might start with the re-examination of Boris Yeltsin's suggestion of Russian membership of Nato, followed by an expansion of the organisation by a new treaty to include the rest of the membership of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

That the large membership would make for difficulties in reaching decisions is not in doubt but we could learn to live with that rather than accept the withdrawal of American leadership in Europe.

By this means, also, the second danger, of concentration by America on Russia and the EC on central Europe, would be mitigated and perhaps eliminated.

Yours faithfully,
P. W. JOHNSON,
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July 4.

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Higher priorities than 'News at Ten'

From Mr Michael Winner

Sir, I am a great admirer of ITN and a compulsive watcher of news programmes. But I find the furore over the proposed change in time of ITV's main evening news to 8pm (report, June 6; letters, June 30, July 1, 5) completely baffling.

If what is now *News at Ten* had become *News at Eight* and a 15-minute news slot added at 11pm as was suggested, the four terrestrial channels would have had four hours and 20 minutes of news in the five hours 35 minutes of TV time between 5.40pm and 11.15pm.

There would have been a gap of only one hour or less without a news bulletin. I would have thought that enough for anyone! If it isn't there's Sky News more or less non-stop — and the radio.

I suppose John Major wants the job of TV scheduler — which I thought the government had specifically given to another organisation — because it's easier than running the country.

I await with interest further diktats from Downing Street on the exact time we should see *Coronation Street*, *Come Dancing* and *Bertie The Bat*. Apparently that's what prime ministers are now for.

Yours sincerely,
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Piccadilly, W1.

From Mr David Watkins

Sir, At last we are clear about John Major's political priorities. *News at Ten* will be preserved as a matter of national importance (report, June 30). It is good to know that our leader can sort the wheat from the chaff.

But matters such as genocide in Bosnia, bullying raids by the USA on Iraq killing civilians, the continued erosion of self-determination through Brussels and an impossibly high public spending programme are apparently going to be relegated to the waste heap.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID WATKINS,
Highfield, Seal Chart,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

Ballet faux pas

From Miss Annette Page

Sir, Lady MacMillan's letter (July 2) concerning the recent debacle at the British embassy's Royal Ballet reception in Paris recalls a similar occasion in Monte Carlo some years ago, when, on a Royal Ballet appearance, 12 principal dancers including Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev were invited to the palace by Prince Rainier and Princess Grace.

We were ushered into a side room with only nine chairs, a small table and one half-consumed bottle of *vin ordinaire*. After an interminable wait, 11 small pieces of steak appeared, each to be diminished further by contributions to the unfortunate twelfth guest.

Nothing seems to have improved the performer's status since the days when Dame Nellie Melba was obliged to eat with the servants, her fee tucked under her plate.

Yours faithfully,
ANNETTE PAGE,
12 Westbourne Terrace, W2.

From Miss Mary Drage

Sir, As a member of the Royal Ballet between 1950 and 1958 I recall the amazement with which the company received invitations to the British embassy in Paris in October 1954.

The corps de ballet were invited to an afternoon tea party and the principals to a soirée. It is the only occasion I can recall that the company was divided in this way. Now it seems the entire troupe can be placed "below the salt".

Yours faithfully,
MARY DRAGE,
The Field House, Great Durnford,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Mr Anthony Elliott Young

Sir, I was sorry to read Lady MacMillan's criticism. Having recently had the privilege of being a private guest at the British embassy in Paris I can report a quite different experience. My wife and I were received with grace and dignity and were reassured to find that the best traditions of imperial diplomacy survive.

Embassies undertake a large burden of entertainment and catering and it would have been nice if Lady MacMillan could have recognised her problems as probably a hiccough, rather than a deliberate slight.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY E. YOUNG,
38 Devonshire Place, W1.

Flowing phrase

From Mr P. B. D. Bunyan

Sir, Your editorial heading, "The Thames can be more than a conduit conveying dirty water" (July 1), recalls John Burns, the trade union member of Campbell-Bannerman's Cabinet in 1905, declaring: "The St Lawrence is water: the Mississippi is muddy water; but [the Thames], Sir, is liquid history."

Yours faithfully,
P. B. D. BUNYAN,
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 6: The Queen this morning opened the new Royal Parks Headquarters at Old Police House, Hyde Park, London SW1, and was received by the Chief Executive (Mr David Welch).

Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque and afterwards toured the building.

The Queen later opened the new Queen Elizabeth Gate at Hyde Park Corner, London W1, and was received by Prince Michael of Kent and the Chairman, Queen Elizabeth Gate Appeal Committee (Mr Richard Briggs).

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today attended Receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness, President, the City and Guilds of London Institute, this afternoon presented the 1993 City and Guilds Prince Philip Medal and Silver and Bronze Medals followed by a *Luncheon at the Inn on the Park*, London W1.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF, was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this evening attended a Concert in aid of Voluntary Service Overseas at the Barbican, London EC2.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 6: The Princess Royal, Honorary Fellow, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, this morning gave the Opening Address at the Second Residential *Meeting of the Society, Royal* College of Physicians, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of *Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the* Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, this afternoon opened the "Chemistry U" extension, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, Imperial College Road, London SW7.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this evening attended a Reception for the Fifth International Conference on Thai Studies, Lancaster House, Cleveland Row, London SW1.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 6: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at the opening by The Queen of the Queen Elizabeth Gates at Hyde Park. Her *Majesty subsequently attended a* Reception at the Hyde Park Hotel.

The Lady Grimthorpe, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain the Hon *Edward Dawson-Damer* were in attendance.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited gar*dens in the London Boroughs of* Hackney and Enfield under the auspices of the London Gardens Society and the London Children's Flower Society.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover was in attendance.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 6: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Macmillan Nurse Appeal, *this morning visited the new* Cancer Support Unit at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex.

His Royal Highness, President, Prince of Wales's Advisory Group on Disability, this afternoon visited SmithKline Beecham, One *New Horizons Court*, Brentford, Middlesex.

Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 6: The Princess of Wales this morning opened the new Early Years Unit at Broadwater Primary School, Broadwater Road, Tooting, London SW17.

Captain Edward Musto, RM, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 6: The Duke of Gloucester today visited the Royal Agricultural Society of England Royal Show at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, and was received by the Vice-Lord Lieutenant for Warwickshire (Captain Charles Featherston-Dilke, RN).

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Cheltenham International Festival of Music, *this morning* attended a concert at the Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness, as President of the Royal School, Bath, attended Founders' Day and presented *prizes at the Junior School prize* giving.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 6: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Avon Orthopaedic Centre, Southmead General Hospital, Westbury-on-Trym and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited St Peter's Hospice, Mortimer Road, Knowle and later opened the Maples Residential Home, Blackberry Hill, Fishponds, Bristol, Avon.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
July 6: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, today presided at congregations for the conferment of Degrees and an Honorary Degree at Lan*caster University*.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gustav Mahler, composer, Kaliste, Austria, 1860; Marc Chagall, painter, Vitebsk, Russia, 1887; Vittorio De Sica, film director, Sora, Italy, 1901.

DEATHS: King Edward I (reigned 1272-1307), Burgh, Cumbria, 1307; William Pulteney, the Earl of Bath, *statesman, London*, 1764; Richard Brinsley Sheridan, dramatist and statesman, London, 1816; George Ohm, physicist, Munich, 1854; *William Mulready, painter*, London, 1863; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer, Crowborough, Sussex, 1930; Sir Allen Lane, publisher, founder of Penguin Books, Northwood, Middlesex, 1970; Dame Flora Robson, actress, Brighton, 1984; Jimmy Edwards, comedy actor, 1988.

The Queen knighted Francis Chichester, the lone yachtsman, using Sir Francis Drake's sword, *1967*.

Lady Roderic Pratt

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Roderic Pratt will be held in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, on Tuesday, July 20, at noon.

Dr Eileen Richardson

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dr Eileen Richardson, wife of His Honour Judge Kenneth Richardson, QC, Treasurer of the Middle Temple, will be held in the Temple Church at 5pm on Thursday, July 22, 1993.

Retirement

Judge Francis retired yesterday from the circuit bench on the Wales and Chester circuit. He *became a circuit judge in 1972.*

PETER TREVNOR



Tender touch: John Mattock, a rose judge, goes about his business at the Hampton Court show yesterday

Cool greens temper brilliant floral display

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A COOL green oasis among all the high summer colour has been created by an exhibit of topiary at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, which opens today.

Box balls, spirals and low hedging, and standard plants of bay, holly and privet, have been staged by the *Romantic Garden, of Swannington, Norfolk*, showing that this ancient craft is enjoying a revival of interest.

Many other exhibits in the floral marquees feature summer flowering perennials. Blooms of Bressingham, of Diss, Norfolk, have staged an incredible display which includes a deep blue dwarf African lily, *Agapanthus* "Lilliput".

A large display of old fashioned perennials from Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants of Whitchurch, Hampshire, includes a collection of lavateras or shrubby mallows in shades of pink.

Marks & Spencer have created ambitious "stage sets" depicting children's fables, using plants and flowers sold in their shops. For instance the Jungle Book set has been created with lush indoor foliage and flowering plants and the Peter Rabbit set is, naturally, a vegetable garden.

Many small exhibits are creating just as much interest in the marquees as the larger displays, such as the small herbaceous plants and ferns from Hartside Nursery Garden, of Alston, Cumbria. They are also featuring the unusual bird's foot viola, *Viola Pedata*, with bird's foot shaped leaves, and a continuous summer display of large blue flowers.

The *Daily Mail* garden pavilion is a big attraction. It contains displays of plants and flowers from 11 countries. The centrepiece is a large English garden depicting various styles, including a potager — a mixture of flowers, vegetables and herbs.

A complete contrast is Tasmania's collection of giant tree ferns, in a cool *moist atmosphere created by waterfalls* gushing over cliffs. Brilliant tropical colour is provided by anthuriums and heliconias from Trinidad and Tobago. New Zealand plants, like sword-leaved phormiums and cordylines, which are rare and endangered in the wild, have been staged by Merrist Wood College of Worplesdon, Surrey.

The National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens pavilion contains 26 national plant collections. There are white and red currants and gooseberries from the national fruit collection, held by Brogdale Horticultural Trust, of Faversham, Kent.

Part of the national collection of passiflora (passion flowers) has been staged by *John Vanderplank, of Kingston Seymour, Avon*, and includes the brilliant scarlet vine leaved passion flower, *Passiflora Vitifolia*.

The show is open from 10am to 7.30pm and closes on Sunday at 6.30pm.

Birthdays today

Mr Michael Ancram, MP, 48; Sir John G.N. Brown, publisher, 77; M Pierre Cardin, fashion designer, 71; Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, QC, 64; Sir Michael Colman, chairman, Reckitt and Colman, 65; Lord Denman, 77; Mr Charles Dyer, playwright and actor, 65; Lord Farnham, 62; Mr Richard Fries, Chief Charity Commissioner, 53; Dr Rae Gilchrist, physician, 94; Sir John Hedley Greenborough, former president, CBI, 71; Rear-Admiral J.S. Grove, 66; Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Harris, racehorse breeder, 83; Major Richard Henderson, Lord Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, 62; Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, 52; Professor Tom Husband, vice-chancellor, Salford University, 57; Mr Tony Jacklin, golfer, 49; Mr Barry Jackson, Serjeant Surgeon to The Queen, 57; Miss Rhona Jones, former matron, St Bartholomew's Hospital, 72; Mr Hamish MacInnes, mountaineer, 63; Lord Mais, 82; Sir Christopher *Mallaby, diplomat, 57; the Earl of* Mansfield, 63; Mr Gian Carlo Menotti, composer, 82; Mr Alessandro Nannini, racing driver, 34; *Mr Bill Oddie*, actor and ornithologist, 52; Mr Jon Pertwee, actor, 74; Mr Philip Reeves, etcher, 62; the Hon Sir *Steven Runciman, CH, historian*, 90; Mr Ringo Starr, former Beatles' drummer, 53; Sir Adam Thomson, former chairman, Brit*ish Caledonian Group, 67*; Sir Richard Turnbull, former colonial administrator, 84; Admiral Sir Frank Twiss, former Gentleman *Usher of the Black Rod*, 83.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Simon Airey, Chaplain, Scargill House: to be Vicar, Kingswood Team Ministry (Bristol).

The Rev Barnaby Bell, Curate, Ewyas Harold Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, St Cuthbert, Clungunford; St Swithin, Clunbury; St Mary, Clunton; St Mary, Bedstone; and St Edward, Hopton Castle (Hereford).

The Rev Ken Boyce, Priest-in-charge, Astwood Bank and part-time Chaplain to people who are deaf (Worcester): to be Rector, Fladbury w. Wyre Piddle and Moor (Worcester).

The Rev Richard Bowett, Honorary Curate, Hunstanton St Mary, Holme-next-the-Sea and Thornham: to be Assistant Curate, King's Lynn St Margaret's (Norwich).

The Rev Joan Brown, Team Parish Deacon, Netherthorpe Team Ministry, retired as from April 30: to be *Parish Deacon (NSM), St Peter's*, Ellesmere (Sheffield).

The Rev John Burniston, Vicar, St Peter and St John, Rugby (Coventry): to be Vicar, Heaton, St Martin (Bradford).

The Rev Brian Chave, Team Vicar, Oakmoor Team Ministry (Exeter): *to be Agricultural Chaplain in the* diocese of Hereford.

The Rev Canon Chad Coussmaker, formerly Chaplain in Antwerp, *Belgium: already appointed* Anglican Chaplain in Moscow, Russia (Europe).

The Rev Derek Frank, Team Vicar, *St Thomas, Sheffield (Sheffield): to* be Chaplain, All Saints', Vevey, Switzerland (Europe).

The Rev Janet Fulljames, Assistant Curate, St Peter, Harborne: to be Parish Deacon, Saints Stephen and Michael, Smethwick (Birmingham).

The Rev Perran Gay, Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Truro, and Diocesan Officer for Unity: to be Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop and Director of Training, diocese Truro, from September 1993, and to be Canon Chancellor of Truro Cathedral and Docesean Director of training as from July 1994.

The Rev Canon Fred Green, Team Rector, Hucknall: to be *also* Rural *Dean of Newstead (Southwell)*.

The Rev David Gunneridge, non-stipendiary minister, Droitwich Team Ministry: to be Assistant *Priest, Shrawley and Witley*, Astley and Abberley, and part-time Chaplain to Abberley Hall School (Worcester).

The Rev Frances Hancock, formerly Team Minister, Ross Team Ministry: to be non-stipendiary minister, Peterchurch, St Peter, *Vowchurch, St Bartholomew*; Turnastone, St Mary Magdalene; Dorstone, St Faith (Hereford).

The Rev Alan Howe, Team Vicar, *St Paul w. St Mary and* Heatherside, Camberley (Guildford): to be Priest-in-charge, St John's, Mansfield (Southwell).

The Rev David Isiorho, Assistant Curate, St Mary's Abbey, Nuneaton (Coventry): to be Priest-in-Charge, Bradford St Oswald *(Bradford)*.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend the Festival Service of the Friends of St Paul's in the cathedral at 4.55.

Prince Edward will attend a Summer Evening of Opera at the Chelsea Physic Garden at 8.00 in aid of Meningitis Research.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the 1993 Island Games, will attend the games at Ryde, Isle of Wight, at 9.00; will visit HMNZS *Canterbury* at Portsmouth at 1.20; and, as Patron of British Executive Service Overseas, will attend the annual reunion reception at Durbar Court at 6.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit the Hampton Court Palace flower show at 11.00.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new isolation rooms at the Royal South Hampshire Hospital, Southampton, at 11.35; and, as patron, will open Basil de Ferranti House at St Michael's Hospice, Aldermaston Road, Basingstoke, at 2.25. Princess Alexandra, as chancellor, will preside at a ceremony for the conferment of degrees at Lancaster University at 11.30.

Parish Clerks' Company

The following have been elected *officers of the Parish Clerks' Com*pany for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr I.R.R. Miller; Upper Warden, Mr P.A.G. Stickley; *Under Warden, Mr J.C.B. Wittich.*

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M.C. Bayne and Miss C.M. Judd
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bayne, of Petersham, Surrey, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifford Judd, of Otford, Kent.

Mr C.A. Brandelli and Miss C. Stokoe
The engagement is announced between Carlo, elder son of Mr and Mrs Floriano Brandelli, of Piacenza, Italy, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Stokoe, of Camberwell, London.

Mr J.W. Garnett and Dr S.R.W. Longfield
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Garnett, of Stanhill Hall, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, and Shauna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Longfield, of The Old Rectory, Weston Patrick, Hampshire.

Mr A.D. Kinnear and Miss E.M. Howick
The engagement is announced between Andrew Douglas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Kinnear, of Beck Head, Cumbria, and Ellen Marie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Howick, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

Mr A.R. Langdale and Miss S.L. McGarrigle
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Simon Langdale, of Culworth, Banbury, and Sophie, elder daughter of Mr Colin McGarrigle, of Kirklington, Nottinghamshire, and Mrs Howard Mann and stepdaughter of Commander Howard Mann, RN, retd, of Wandsworth, London.

Mr T.A.H. Leathart and Miss S.B. Knight
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs John Leathart, of Hillsborough, co. Down, and Sophie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Knight, of Biddenden, Kent.

Mr A.W. Linford and Miss S.C.J. Fillery
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and *Mrs Geoffrey Linford*, of Warwick, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Fillery, of Reigate, Surrey. The marriage will take place on *Saturday, October 2*, at St Paul's, Warwick.

Mr T.E. Marriott and Miss E.S.H. Page-Blair
The engagement is announced between Thomas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Marriott, of *Great Milton, Oxfordshire*, and Emma, daughter of Mrs Lily Christine Page-Blair, of London, SW6, and Mr Robin Page-Blair, of Florida, America.

Marriages

Mr E.G. Davies-Scourfield and Miss S.O. Holroyd
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 3, at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, of Gwyn, son of Brigadier and Mrs Davies-Scourfield, of Medstead, Hampshire, to Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Holroyd, of Annscroft, Shropshire. The Rev Mark Ashton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Fiona Philips, Victoria Sorby, Rosie Saunders and Hannah Savile. Mr Nicholas Taylor-Young was best man.

The reception was held in Christ Church Hall and the honeymoon will be spent in Kenya.

Dr J. Spreadborough and Mrs S.J. Neerman
The marriage took place in Maidenhead, on Tuesday, June 29, 1993, between Dr John Spreadborough and Mrs Susan Neerman.

New president

Clive Lewis has been elected President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Dinners

Guild of Freemen of the City of London
Sir Clifford Chetwood, Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London, and Lady Chetwood were the hosts at a dinner dance held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane for guild members and their guests.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr Tim Yeo, Minister of State for the Environment and Countryside, Professor John Knill and Sir Crispin Tickell were the speakers.

Royal College of Psychiatrists
The President, Professor Andrew Sims, and Dr Ruth Sims, were hosts at the Annual Dinner of the Royal College of Psychiatrists on Tuesday, July 6, 1993, *at the Spa* Complex, Scarborough. Speeches were made by Sir Stanley Simmons and Dr William Boyd.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mr Nicholas Wood, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. Professor Brian Prichard, Chairman of the Conservative Medical Society, was the guest speaker.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Thomas C. Dawson, QC, Solicitor General for Scotland, presided at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night at the Moat House International Hotel, Glasgow, to mark the 2nd international neurotrauma symposium.

Luncheon

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Clive Lewis, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, delivered his presidential address at a luncheon held yesterday at 12 Great George Street.

Latest wills

Mr Terence William Oxley, of Goole, Humberside, retired egg producer, left estate valued at £30,607 net.

He left a sum equal to "1,000 pints of bitter, such beers to be purchased by my trustee on a weekly basis of 35 pints per week" to George Cawkell, £500 to Goole Conservative Club General Fund and the residue of his estate equally between the Conservative Association, Heart Research and Cancer Research.

Dr Agnes Freda Newitt, of Dibden Purlieu, Hampshire — Freda Young, former Reader in Social Administration at Southampton University, widow of Richard Newitt — left estate valued at £1,298,627 net.

She left £7,000, certain stocks and shares and effects to personal legatees, £100,000 to the Wiverley Trust, of Dibden Purlieu, for the exclusive benefit of Little Haven and its residents, £500 to Southampton Citizens' Advice Bureau, and the residue to Southampton University.

Mr Stanislaus Anthony McNamee, of Plymouth, left estate valued at £785,747 net.

He left £7,000 to personal legatees, £10,000 to the Secular Clergy Fund of the Diocese of Plymouth, £1,000 to Nazareth House, Plymouth, and the residue equally between CAFOD and the Little Way Association.

Mr Charles William Kenneth Callander, of Ludlow, Shropshire, left estate valued at £183,212 net. He left his entire estate equally between the National Trust, RSPCA and the RSPB.

Miss Mavis Millicent Hill of Southgate, London N14, late barrister, who contributed to *The Times Law Reports* for 25 years, left estate valued at £792,655 net.

Mr Albert Norman Bagworth, of Branksome Park, Dorset, left estate valued at £716,257 net.

He left a personal legacy of £4,000, and the residue equally between the Richmond Hill United Reformed Church, Bournemouth, the Salvation Army, National Trust, RNLI and Marie Curie Memorial Fund.

Mrs Constance Phyllis Coghlan, of Cheam, Surrey, left estate valued at £703,583 net.

She left her effects and 40 per cent of the residue to personal legatees, and 45 per cent of the residue to St Raphael's Hospice, North Cheam, and 7.5 per cent of the residue each to the Church Army and Salvation Army.

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Lord our Sovereign, how glorious is your name in all the world.
Psalm 8 : 9 (REB)

BIRTHS

CALLAGHAN - On 1st July, to Elaine (née Smeaton) and Craig, a son, Kristian Michael Smeaton.

CORBOY - On 25th June 1993 in Cambridge, to Clare (née Pearson), wife of Joe, a daughter, *Laura Kathryn*.

GERSZT - On June 29th, to Sue Mandelbaum and John Gerszt, a son, Daniel Jacob, a brother for Elizabeth.

HOSKINS - On July 4th, to Sophie (née Ruscombe-King) and Jeremy, a daughter.

JAMES - On July 2nd, in Bad Homburg, Germany, to Sabine and Kenneth, a daughter, *Jennifer Anne*, a sister for Christopher.

KINNEAR - On July 1st 1993, to Clare (née Thrower) and William, a daughter, Sophie Laura.

LASOK - On 10th June 1993, to Karen (née Griffith) and Paul, a daughter, Frances Katharine Marina.

LEWIN SMITH - On July 4th 1993, to Peggy (née Lee) and Michael, in Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A., a son, James Richard.

MANDELBAUM - See Gerszt.

MOSTYN - On 2nd July, to Helen and Philip, a daughter, Clare.

PASSELL - Born on 1st July at The Portland Hospital to Joshua Passell and Jane Moncreiff, Nicholas Moncreiff Passell, eight pounds and two ounces.

RAFFERTY - On 3rd July, to Candida, wife of Gerrard Rafferty, a son, Ruairaigh Bay Byrne.

SHERIDAN - On 1st July, to Panda (née Pritchard-Gordon) and Tony, a daughter, Louisa Helen Mary.—

BIRTHS

STEBBINGS - On 1st July, to Deborah (née Hutton) and Charlie, a daughter, Eleanor Clemency, a sister for Archie and Romilly.

TUBBS - On 5th July, to Sarah (née Millward) and Nicholas, a son, Benjamin Patrick Gordon, a brother for Annabella.

VEALE - On July 4th, at Queen Charlotte's, Chiswick, to Jenny (née Graham) and Simon, a daughter, Molly Rose.

WILKINSON - On July 5th, to Andria (née Bateman) and Mark, a daughter, a sister for Henry.

DEATHS

CHAMBERLAIN - Marjorie Mary Victoria, widow of Geoffrey Holland and Robert Chamberlain, beloved mother of Brian Holland and William Chamberlain (now in New Zealand). Sorely missed by her daughter-in-law Diana, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Quietly, aged 82, in the gentle care of Thamesfield Nursing Home, Henley, on 1st July. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin Church, Henley-on-Thames, at 11 am on Monday 12th July, and afterwards at Reading Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the R.S.P.B. Any enquiries to R & H Barker of Didcot (0235) 510055.

COLYER - On July 3rd 1993, peacefully at home in his 92nd year, Charles Ernest, beloved husband of Iris. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Farningham, Kent, on Friday July 9th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only and interment private.

DEATHS

CROOK - Professor Eric Mitchell, suddenly at home in London on 4th July. Cremation at West Norwood Crematorium on Monday 12th July at 3.30 pm.

DOVE - *On July 3rd 1993*, suddenly in hospital, aged 78 years. Gwynneth Agnes Sarah, of Barmouth, Wales, wife of the late John Dove and dearly loved aunt of her nephews and nieces. Service and committal at Bangor Crematorium on Friday July 9th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu gratefully accepted towards Guide Dogs for the Blind, c/o Gwyn Williams Funeral Directors, 16 Tycanol Harlech, tel: (0766) 780405.

DUXBURY - On 22nd June, peacefully at Hyde Crook Nursing Home, near Dorchester. Violet, aged 97 years, widow of the late Col. Charles. Interment at Dawlish Cemetery 12.15 pm, Tuesday 13th July. Family flowers only please.

EVANS - On Sunday 4th July, suddenly but peacefully at St Richards Hospital, Chichester, Major Michael Evans MVO aged 79 loving and much loved husband of Betty, stepfather of Charles and Michael. Private cremation. Memorial Service at St James Church, Birdham, Chichester, at 2 pm on Thursday 15th July.

GILD - On 30th June 1993 at Ealing Hospital, Herbert Samuel (Jumbo), FRCS, after a long illness borne with courage and humour, husband of Nancy and dear to all his family. The funeral has taken place without ceremony, as he wished. Enquiries/letters to Messrs W.S. Bond, 19 Bond Street, London W5 5AP.

DEATHS

HOLLAND - See Chamberlain.

JACKSON - On 6th July at home, Michael Law, aged 65. Beloved husband of Lis and much loved father of Emma, Matthew and the late Simon. Only son of Maude Watson. Enquiries to Stevensons of Redhill, tel: (07377) 63456.

JAMIESON - Hamish Cameron on July 2nd, husband of Rosemary, father of Peter, Frances and Alison and a loving grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving, The Free Church, Church Road, Welwyn Garden City, Wednesday 14th July 2 pm. No flowers. Donations to Amnesty International.

KING - Denis Harris, formerly of Topsham, Exeter, peacefully at home in Costa Rica on July 1st. Memorial Service to be announced.

LARNACH - On July 3rd 1993, suddenly with his *family, Bill*, beloved husband of Mary and dearest father of Catherine and Richard and adored grandfather of George, Olivia and Edward. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Clifton, Bristol, on Monday July 12th at 11.15 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, Area Office, 40 Sandringham Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 3PP.

MIJOVIC - Alexander tragically killed in an accident on 27th June. Funeral Service on 13th July at 2.30 pm in St Michael's Church, Withington, Glos. No flowers. Donations to INSEAD Bursary Fund, Enquiries: (0242) 890296.

DEATHS

PARKES - Sir Basil Arthur, *OBE, died peacefully on July* 5th 1993 aged 86, after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Beloved husband of the late Maisie and dearly loved husband of Jane, father of Fred, Angela and Neil. Funeral Service at Lezayre Church, Ramsey, I.O.M., on Monday July 12th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, or the Hall and District Friends of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Betty Coleman, Fairfield Lodge, Cave Road, Brough, N. Humberside, HU15 1HH.

PULBROOK - On July 5th 1993, peacefully at Pear Tree Ford, Pyrford, Stella Margaret Lilian (Peggy) formerly of Chichester, Widow of Eustace and loving aunt and friend. Cremation at 2.30 pm on July 13th at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only but *donations, if desired, to the* Partially Sighted Society or The Arthritic Association. Enquiries to G. Boutell & Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey, tel: (0932) 348057.

RAYMAKERS - On July 4th 1993, peacefully in Helmond, Tiny (née Keulen) formerly of Accrington, aged 88 years. Beloved wife of the late Karel. Dearly loved and loving mother of Peter, William, Marijke and Rocland, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mass and funeral on Friday 9th July at 11 am at the Parish Church Van Onze Lieve Vrouw ten Hemelopneming, Helmond, Netherlands.

DEATHS

SIDEY - On July 6th 1993, peacefully at home, Charles Langford aged 92 years, dear husband of Marjorie and stepfather of John. Cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium, Wellington New Road, Taunton, on Monday July 12th at 1 pm. No flowers at his request but donations if desired for British Field Sports Society (Somerset Branch) or RSPB may be sent to Leonard E Smith Funeral Directors of 1 Haydon Road, Taunton, TA1 1SY.

SIMMONDS - On July 3rd 1993 peacefully at Fenland House, Peterborough Hospital, Yolend Mary Lowther, much loved wife of the late John Stuart Wildash, beloved mother of John, David and Cotta. Funeral Service on Monday 12th July at 1.30 pm at Bury St Edmunds, West Suffolk Crematorium. Cut flowers only please. Enquiries to Brown Fenn and Parker Funeral Directors, tel: (07877) 370909.

SOMERVELL - Peacefully at home on Saturday July 3rd 1993, Margaret of Millens Court, Ambleside, aged 94 years, beloved wife of the late T. Howard Somervell and mother of Jim and David, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 13th July at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church, Ambleside. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Christian Aid c/o T. Edmondson Ltd, Funeral Directors, Compston Street, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 9DP.

DEATHS

STOREY - Penelope Candlish Storey M.B.E. on 1st July in hospital aged 80 years. Cremation on Monday, 12th July at Golders Green Crematorium NW11 at 2.15pm.

VALDERAMO - The Duchess, At The Cromwell Hospital, London on 5th July, suddenly but after a long illness endured with immense courage, Honor Mary Waring (née Langford-Sainsbury), The Duchess of Valderamo, the beloved wife of Ronnie and mother of Marcus and Jessilia. Please no letters. Funeral private family only.

WARRINGTON - Katherine, younger twin daughter of Robert Warrington, on 3rd July 1993 at Sandridge House, St Albans, aged 96, Research Botanist at Rothamsted, Harpenden. Much loved sister to Dorothy and Helen and aunt to her four nieces. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Harpenden, on Wednesday 14th July at 12 noon followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium at 1.15 pm. Flowers and enquiries c/o Goodchild Funerals, 7 Catherine Street, St Albans, Herts. AL3 5BJ, tel: (07727) 853177.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR ZDENEK KOPAL

Zdenek Kopal, Professor of Astronomy, Manchester University, 1951-81, died in Wilmslow, Cheshire, on June 23 aged 79. He was born in Litomysl, in what was then the Austrian province of Bohemia, on April 4, 1914.

ZDENEK KOPAL zestfully pursued his overriding passion, astronomy, in distinct phases throughout his life. His youthful interest in exploring the heavens with small optical telescopes from the country of his birth, now the Czech Republic, never left him — even though his earliest professional works were heavily mathematical.

He first made his mark at the highest academic level in his treatment of close binary stars and the development of the numerical methods required to investigate their nature through the variation of their brightnesses. This work was started in Prague and pursued briefly in Cambridge before he moved to Harvard in 1938 and then to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He became an American citizen in this period and used his mathematical skills usefully and effectively for the US military during the war.

His arrival in 1951 as a professor at Manchester presaged his most famous work, in which he predicted the *transfer of mass* between the separate stars in binary systems. This phenomenon remains the key to understanding many modern, often space-made, observations of violently eruptive behaviour in stellar systems. The numerical *methods required* for his astronomical analyses were described in 1955 in his classic book *Numerical Analysis* which is still widely used to this day.

Then came the moon. He was caught up in the excitement of potentially landing a man there to such an extent that he switched his formidable energies, irresistible charm and entrepreneurial skills completely in this direction. But how could a mathematical astronomer in cloudy Manchester help to put a *man* on the moon?

The answer was obvious to him. Assemble a group to take 100,000 photographs of the moon with the ancient 2-ft diameter, refracting telescope, of the L'Observatoire du Pic du Midi in the south of France. This made a lot of sense. The high altitude



observatory in the Pyrenees was renowned for its good "seeing" capabilities. Also, the telescope had a sufficiently long focal length, 60ft, to produce images suitable for detailed lunar mapping. In a project sponsored by what seemed to modest British eyes vast amounts of USAF money, the moon was systematically observed and mapped. Ultimately the astronauts landed in the right place.

The astronomy department in Manchester was something special in that period. The money alone generated freedom and activity. The Kopal stories became legendary. At each, lavish (for to his credit he was a *bon vivant)* Christmas party he would proudly announce the total distance travelled by everybody in his department within the last year always in terms of the lunar distance. This was an appropriate unit for he himself seemed to be on the move around the world permanently attending to his numerous consultancies.

He had a wicked sense of humour. After a visit to Egypt he would unselfconsciously wear a fez. A trip to the Foreign Office in London meant a bowler and rolled-up umbrella for a week on his return. On a lecture tour around India he naturally wore a Gandhi cap. He carried this off so well that he was taken for "someone important in the Congress party" on several occasions.

When the lunar projects came to a natural end he went back with gusto to his binary work, founding journals and writing popular books. His principal mission, though, seemed to be single-handedly to rekindle astronomy as a subject in the Middle East and, to this end, he formed a school of students drawn from Egypt, Iraq, Iran and Libya. He will be sadly missed by many in these lands for his teaching and guidance while they studied in Manchester.

Even his retirement speech was notable. He started with "Ladies and gentlemen I am at a loss for words" — and then talked for two hours.

Kopal was a charming, highly intelligent scientist, in the mould of the great men of his subject (eccentricities and all). He will above all be remembered with affection in Manchester University's astronomy department for bringing a splash of colour into everybody's lives.

He married, in 1938, Alena, daughter of Judge B. Muldner. They had three daughters.

ROY PERRY

Roy Perry, landscape artist, has died aged 59. He was born in Bootle on January 7, 1934.



ROY PERRY was one of Britain's leading landscape artists. His work is in the mainstream of British figurative painting, being mainly landscapes, seascapes and most recently sporting scenes. His hallmark was his soft blend of light and shade. He mastered the use of glowing but muted sunshine in the *most English of mottled skies* which he painted in his favourite medium — acrylic gouache.

He was educated at John Lyons School, Harrow, and at Southampton University where he read Economics. He qualified as a chartered accountant and went into industry.

But he was painting in his free time, as a member of the Wokingham Guild of Artists, and selling almost everything he produced. When Elliot Automation offered him redundancy in 1971 he became a full-time artist.

In the mid-1970s, Perry *began to submit work to the* Royal Institute of Painters in watercolour. He won the bronze medal in 1977 for the best watercolour by a non-member. He was elected a member and had been on the council since the mid-1980s.

Perry brought an important patron to the institute when the Duke of Edinburgh looked in on the annual exhibition at the Mall Galleries. He asked *for two of Perry's paintings to* be sent up the road to Buckingham Palace.

Perry duly delivered them and, when asked for the price by the Duke's equerry, named the figure and pointed out that should HRH like both pictures, then a small discount could be negotiated. The equerry apparently laughed and assured him the royal purse was quite capable of *affording the full price in the* event of the Duke's buying the two, which he did.

The Prince of Wales also subsequently became one of Perry's patrons.

After the Falklands war, Colonel Hugh Pike of the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment visited a Perry exhibition in Hampshire; he commissioned Perry to paint four scenes of the Falkland Islands. Perry had to plough through hours of videos, plans and maps to research the subject. Soon several other regiments, including the Gurkhas and the Royal Artillery asked him for similar paintings.

He was twice a finalist in the hunting group painting competition in 1981 and 1984 and in 1983 he won a prize in the Laing competition. Following this, many large corporations began to commission works which were then also reproduced for calendars and annual reports.

Ultimately he became best known for his paintings of famous cricket grounds, many being made into limited edition prints. Durham Cricket Club commissioned him to paint the scene of their debut appearance in first class county cricket.

As a member of the Lord's Taverners, he dedicated some of his paintings to be sold for the charity. Often he could be seen at the edge of a pitch with his smock and brushes, hurrying to depict the scene at a pro-celebrity match. The picture *would then be auctioned at the* close of the game.

His passion for cricket extended to his own home club, the Pyt House Players, where Perry opened the batting and sold some smaller works of art to boost the club funds — one lucky player won a raffled hand-painted cricket box, sporting a Roy Perry original on the front.

Perry's extensive travel took him from North America, to China, and throughout Europe. He had several successful exhibitions in Barbados, one of which was opened by Wes Hall, the former West Indies fast bowler and current Minister of Tourism and Sports on the island.

Roy Perry was also a talented demonstrator. He would put up a piece of card vertically on the easel and within an hour would have produced a painting in acrylic from a small sketch.

He is survived by his wife Sallie and their son and daughter.

JOE DANIELS

Joe Daniels, British jazz bandleader and drummer, died on July 2 aged 85. He was born in Zeerust, Transvaal, South Africa, on March 9, 1908.

JOE DANIELS, together with a handful of contemporaries like Nat Gonela, Harry Gold, Sid Phillips and George Chisholm, helped introduce jazz to Britain before the second world war and after it brought a much maligned professional gloss to the traditional jazz revival that lasted through the 1950s. He had cut his teeth, in jazz terms, by playing on the transatlantic liners during the 1920s which enabled him to see and hear American jazzmen on their home territory and before much of their music had reached Britain. After playing with the Fred Elizalde and Harry Roy dance bands in the 1930s he formed his own jazz-orientated group, the Hot Shots, in 1935.



In the immediate postwar period Britain's traditional jazz revival was spawned in art colleges and the backrooms of provincial pubs, and most of its early practitioners — inspired by the 78rpm recordings of Louis Armstrong and Bunk Johnson — were initially amateurs with no background in professional music. The more puritanical of the *jazz purists tended to* scorn the professional musicians — whom they regarded as being tainted with vile "commercialism" — until Chisholm and Phillips reinforced their credentials as "authentic jazzmen" by being selected to play with Armstrong when he visited Britain and, indeed, acquitted themselves well.

The honour of accompanying Satchmo eluded Joe Daniels but he overcame the revivalists' antipathy at least to the extent that the National Federation of Jazz Organisations selected his band to be one of half-a-dozen ensembles — including those of Humphrey Lyttelton, Mick Mulligan and Freddy Randall — to perform in the presence of Princess Elizabeth at the Royal Festival Hall in 1951, an occasion that marked newfound acceptability for tradjazz.

Daniels had come to Britain from South Africa with his *family when he was 11 and* began playing professionally three years later. After his spell on the liners, he and trumpeter Max Goldberg formed a band which played at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly. He then joined Hal Swain's New Princess Orchestra and Pete Mandell and his Rhythm Masters, recording with both bands respectively in 1927 and 1929. Three years later, reflecting the attitudes to jazz-orientated music in the early 1930s, Daniels teamed up with a violinist, Maurice Sterndale, to record two vocal numbers. "Yea, Mos' *Emfrantically" and "Ham and* Eggs" featuring "darkie dialogue" under the name, Two Black Aces.

When he formed the Joe Daniels Hot Shots, after some years with Harry Roy's band, Daniels established himself as a virtuoso drummer — coining the term "drumnastics" and playing with illuminated sticks. He made a series of recordings for the Parlophone *label featuring a fairly* commercial brand of Dixieland which, nevertheless, enhanced his prewar reputation as one of the leading British jazz figures.

After wartime service in the RAF, during which he led a quintet and continued to record, Daniels reformed his Hot Shots. But as the traditional jazz revival soared to its mid-1950s peak, the Hot Shots were overshadowed by the emergence of the Chris Barber, Kenny Ball and Acker Bilk bands.

Denied in later years the popular recognition his pioneering role deserved, Daniels continued his playing until the late 1980s, leading his band from behind his drum-kit at Butlins holiday camps and at numerous Jewish functions, a less illustrious finale than perhaps he *merited*.

CANON JAMES OWEN

Canon James Owen, vicar of Little St Mary's, Cambridge, and honorary canon of Ely Cathedral, died from cancer on July 5 aged 62. He was born on February 26, 1931.



JAMES OWEN was of Welsh parentage but had a thoroughly English education. He went *from St George's School*, Windsor Castle, where he sang as a chorister in St George's Chapel, to Clifton College, Bristol. At Cambridge, to which he went in 1950, he read history at Trinity Hall in the days of the distinguished joint pastorate there of Owen Chadwick as dean and Tony Tremlett as college chaplain.

At Trinity Hall Owen was reputed on occasion to have sunned himself, with a rug and shawl around his feet and shoulders, sitting in a wheelchair at the bottom of his staircase — to the general *bemusement of visitors, some* of whom later looked back with pride on their conversation with so remarkable an old lady.

From Trinity Hall he went to Ely Theological College, only to return to Cambridge — after curacies at St Mary the Bottons, South Kensington, and All Saints, Clifton — as chaplain of Jesus College. This was in the heady *Honest to God years of the early 1960s*, and the younger Owen entered with zest into that whole theological debate. After a brief period as chaplain at Repton he moved in 1967 to the university chaplaincy at Nottingham.

There, in days of developing complexity in university life, he is remembered for a mature, personal ministry valued both by senior members and *by students — the latter of* whom especially rose to the seriousness with which he took their individual and corporate concerns, religious or secular. Throughout his life this was to be Owen's most distinctive pastoral gift.

To his immense pleasure, Peterhouse, as patrons of the living, brought him back to Cambridge as vicar of the Anglo-Catholic parish of Little *St Mary's in 1974. At the same* time, the Cambridge Union Society invited him to serve it in the secular-cum-pastoral office (for that was how he saw it) of steward. Few during the *next two decades were to have* a shrewder sense of what was in the university air — or more friends in colleges and town alike. The sure mark of his illness this year was his absence from Henley (he was, and looked, the quintessential cox) and the advertisement in *The Times* cancelling his annual summer party in the vicarage garden in Newnham Terrace.

The touch of brilliance about his return to Cambridge was, nevertheless, his attachment to a key parish to whose tradition of English Catholicism he was perfectly attuned. Little St Mary's, with its ordered and restrained beauty of liturgy and music, its measured preaching with its strong emphasis on Catholic teaching, and its warmth of fellowship, exactly reflected its *vicar's own qualities. In a* phrase of the great Bishop Charles Gore, the junior sister of the university church of Great St Mary's has always refrained from accosting the more reserved, and maintained its own native tradition of level-headedness. Owen believed, and probably rightly, that "our witness in this small place extends far into the Church of England".

Surprisingly, perhaps, to some who had not realised the very English dimension of his Catholicism, he supported in principle the admission of women into the ordained priesthood. This reflected the same Anglican openness to movement and disposition towards inclusiveness which, in his day, had made Owen's own great friend and inspiration, Archbishop Michael Ramsey (whose every tone of voice he could convey in brilliant, affectionate and sometimes devastating mimicry) so ardent a proponent of Anglican-Methodist reunion.

The proposed legislation nevertheless worried him. He pleaded for mutual understanding and a pragmatic trust. In this, as at all crucial personal moments, immed*iately below the surface of the* brilliant host with all the *raconteur's* potential for anecdote and brisk exchange, could be detected the deeply serious and listening priest.

No one was ever more truly Anglican in his Catholicism, and it was from his sure perception of the historical tradition in which he stood that he reached out, carrying his parish with him, into a *most successful reciprocal as*sociation with the Roman Catholic Church in Brussels. With the Friends of Little St Mary's, which, along with the Michael Ramsey Society and the Michael Ramsey Lectures, came out of his own energetic initiative, he visited Rome, Florence, Bruges, Luxembourg and was to have gone with them to Santiago de Compostela this summer.

He loved Ely, and was made an honorary canon in 1986. Henley regatta in the summer and the Welney Washes with their wintering Bewick swans were his annual delights. He was unmarried.

MICHAEL FARRAR BELL

Michael Farrar Bell, stained glass artist and craftsman, died on June 12 aged 81. He was born in 1911.

MICHAEL FARRAR BELL designed, made and installed windows in churches throughout England and abroad — notably all the windows in Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks in London, Ontario. He was the fourth generation of the firm of Clayton and Bell, which his great grandfather, Alfred Bell, started with J. R. Clayton in 1855. Clayton and Bell were probably the leading stained glass studios in England until 1914.

Michael Farrar Bell was the only child of Reginald Bell (also a noted stained glass artist) and his wife Gladys, a well known miniaturist between the wars. He was educated at Harrow and the Edinburgh College of Art.

In 1938 five members of the Bell family exhibited at the Royal Academy: his grandfather John Clement Bell, his father and mother, his aunt Jeanne Bell, the ivory sculptress, and Michael himself.

During the second world war Farrar Bell served in the Royal Engineers as a camouflage officer. Afterwards he settled in Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, and turned his hand to designing pub signs, book jackets and labels. He also designed postage stamps, notably *the 2½d stamp when* Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne and one of the Coronation Issue stamps.

Following the death of his father in 1950 Farrar Bell took on the completion of the West Window in Exeter Cathedral and the restoration of the Great East Window in Bath Abbey, which had been destroyed by enemy action and had originally been designed by his great grandfather in 1873. During the last 25 years he concentrated almost entirely on stained glass work.

Heraldry was a favourite subject, and he did some fine work in the Fitch Room at *Harrow School. He was a very* active Liveryman in the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass and was Master in 1974-75.

Michael Farrar Bell married Frances Stewart in 1942. After her death he married Angela Gale in 1952: she survives him together with the daughter of his first marriage and their own son and daughter.

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The discovery of gold in the state of Victoria proved a mixed blessing. The population rose from 76,000 to 500,000 in a decade, but soon the boom had turned into severe depression. Mr Latrobe was the governor of the colony.

NEWS

Wrongful conviction enquiry likely

■ The Home Secretary is expected to move swiftly to set up an independent body to handle alleged miscarriages of justice, as recommended by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in its report yesterday.

However, other proposals put forward by the commission in the most fundamental review of the criminal justice system for years will be met by fierce opposition from across the legal profession Page 1

Protesters breach Palace security

■ Anti-nuclear protesters clambered over a wall and into the grounds of Buckingham Palace. Michael Howard, the home secretary, expressed his concern after the security breach by 15 women, some of them said to be veterans of the Greenham Common peace camp Page 1

G7 deal near

Hopes of a breakthrough in the protracted talks on world trade rose early today after a marathon session of negotiations in Tokyo. Negotiators from the EC, Canada, America and Japan said good progress had been made in several areas and they might complete a deal today Page 1, 11

Criminal companion

The woman travelling with two elderly sisters wanted for questioning about a string of frauds is a convicted criminal who has been in jail twice. Police believe Winifred Bristow, 75, and Joan Payne, 73, are innocent players in a saga of deception Page 3

Clarke blamed

Housing experts are blaming Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, for the slow-down of the housing recovery, which was set back further yesterday with figures from the Halifax showing house price falls of 0.5 per cent in June. The seasonally adjusted figure shows a fall of 1.1 per cent in June prices compared with May Page 2

Rail clash looms

The government looks certain to defy the Lords by trying to reverse the defeat of its rail privatisation bill in spite of a likely revolt by Tory MPs in both houses Page 10

Child benefit move

A group of Thatcherite ministers and MPs is to call for the scrapping of child benefit as part of a radical overhaul of the welfare state Page 8

Trident safety fear

MPs on the all-party Commons defence committee expressed unease yesterday over safety aspects of the Trident missile system and the government's lack of openness about Britain's new strategic deterrent Page 2

Le Pen protest

The leader of the French national front, Jean-Marie Le Pen, flew into London yesterday to try to save face after being denied conference facilities in Scotland and Ireland. Police grappled with protesters who tried to storm a news conference at Heathrow ...Page 2

Murder trial claim

Counsel for Michael Sams, accused of the murder of Julie Dart, claimed yesterday that there was little or no evidence that she had ever been kidnapped Page 3

Mates held back

The former Northern Ireland minister Michael Mates left out from his resignation speech serious allegations about the treatment of Asil Nadir Page 7

Car sales up

The steady recovery in the motor industry was confirmed yesterday with an 11 per cent rise in new car sales last month Page 9

Death toll rises

More than 130 people have now died in the political violence sweeping South Africa after the setting of a date for the country's first all-race election Page 12

Lawyers demand fair hearing

American lawyers are fighting back after years of suffering the cruel jokes and barbed comments of an unappreciative public. The killing of eight people at a San Francisco law firm by a crazed gunman last week has prompted the American Bar Association in California to call for an end to behaviour that could provoke violence against lawyers Page 12

CRISPIN ROOWELL



Blast wreckage: a police officer walking through Newtownards yesterday after an IRA bomb devastated the city centre Page 2

Bank shock: Anne Wibble, chairman of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, warned staff to prepare for a damaging report on the institution's lavish spending under Jacques Attali Page 21

Paying the price: Britain's defence industries are braced for widespread job losses as part of the price of Britain's peace dividend Page 22

Shares rise: The FT-SE 100 index closed 9.6 higher at 2,848.1, resuming an upward trend. Sterling gained against the mark, rising .47 pfennigs to DM2.4682, but was down against the dollar, closing at $1.5105 Page 24

Football: Ray Clemence, the former England goalkeeper, was dismissed as assistant coach of Tottenham Hotspur as Osvaldo Ardiles continued restructuring the Premier League club Page 38

Cycling: Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, the Uzbek sprinter, won the third stage of the Tour de France after a third successive blanket finish. Wilfried Nelissen, the Belgian who won the second stage, retained the overall lead Page 36

Golf: In the time leading to his US Masters triumph three years ago, Sandy Lyle was one of the best players in the world. On the eve of the Bells Scottish Open, he is not even best in Scotland Page 38

Healthier world: Life expectancy and levels of health in the developing world have accelerated. But the money could be better spent, Nigel Hawkes reports Page 14

Power perm: Hillary Clinton is following fashion when she keeps calling her crimper. Alice Thomson on frizz Page 15

Expect visitors: Renting a cottage from the National Trust can mean being at home to thousands of rubber-neckers for five days a week. It can also mean living in a superb property at a low rent Page 31

Microchip monsters: Spielberg's dinosaurs in *Jurassic Park* (BBC1, film animation mixed with scenes of realism. How does one tell that is a figment of a computer's imagination eat real leaves from a real tree? Page 33

Unfaithful thoughts: "If Ray Gosling's self-styled 'tour of people's heartache' has been building towards anything, it is this: that what the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve over" — Lynne Truss on BBC1's *Adultery* Page 33

Ratigan revived: Sir Peter Hall's fine new production of *Separate Tables* underlines the case for reassessing Terence Ratigan's faded reputation Page 34



Yasumasa Mori, the rank outsider from Japan who became the world champion of Elvis Presley impersonators Page 15



Valerie Eliot, widow of T.S. Eliot, who has given her blessing to the publication of 40 of his poems, previously seen only by a few scholars Page 1



Graham Thorpe of Surrey, who scored a century on his debut against Australia as England ended a seven-match losing sequence with a draw Pages 1,40

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Tragedy in the street

■ People believe that mentally ill patients placed in the community under the government's policy pose an unpredictable risk to others — but are they right?

Holiday insurance rockets

■ Travel premiums will go up by 20 per cent during the next few months. Why many big insurers will have to charge more

Little screen, big screen

■ It was only a matter of time before Hollywood turned a Nintendo video game into a movie. The result, *Super Mario Bros*, hits London this week

One of the most impressive television dramas of 1992 is being repeated on three consecutive nights. In *Goodbye Cruel World* (BBC1, 10.10pm) Sue Johnston plays a middle-aged wife coming to terms with a fatal disease Page 39

A just commission

Most of the Runciman commission's proposals are likely to be overshadowed by the Treasury-led call for the abolition of the right to elect trial by jury Page 17

Health of nations

Millions of lives and billions of dollars could be saved by radically redirecting health spending and slightly increasing it Page 17

Another historic notch

Having been abused throughout the land and the media as pig-headed incompetents, the chairman of the England cricket committee and his selectors are suddenly being hailed as prescient prophets Page 17

SIMON JENKINS

Which enemy induces most public aversion, kills most soldiers, terrorises ministers into arming their cars and fortifying their offices as never before in British history? The answer was not even mentioned in Monday's defence white paper. It was delivered instead to the citizens of Newtownards in the form of high explosive Page 16

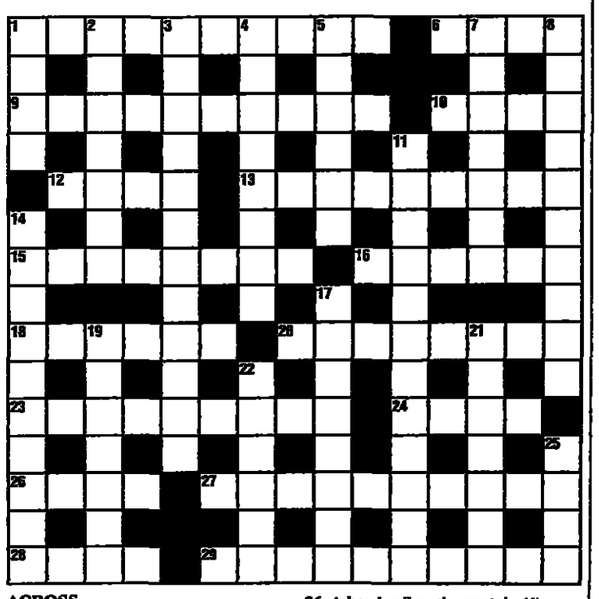
MATTHEW D'ANCONA

Edward Said's Reith Lectures have caused a stir, but his idea that intellectuals must be allotted a "role" doesn't ring true. The minute that restrictions and conditions are imposed upon scholarship, scholarship ceases Page 16

Psychiatrists underline the plight of the mentally ill living in the community and suggest ways of helping them Page 17

Not a moment too soon, the Clinton administration has reaffirmed its support for the energy tax. In view of the long silence, there were beginning to be doubts. But it's a good tax. President Clinton was right to propose it last February, he's right to keep pushing it now and the Democratic leadership in Congress is right to support him— *The Washington Post*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,276



ACROSS

1 You may hold his life in your hands (10).
6 Careful pedestrian? That's a joke! (4).
9 Some of the bowling was apparently allowed to go unpunished (10).
10 It helps to make him a Muslim leader (4).
12 Desert island American sailor found first (4).
13 Woman needs overall in the plant (4-5).
15 One readily taken in to child's play? (4,4).
16 Motor car project (6).
18 Put under grave (6).
20 Padding part of speech, one taking a long time (8).
23 Warning by the bench: "You may get tanked up here" (9).
24 American Name invested in type of cattle (4).
26 A hard sailor, the captain (4).
27 Meets the children and starts to argue (5,5).
28 Food for high teas (4).
29 Solemnly swear to serve at sea in hostilities (10).

DOWN

1 Breeches sometimes put on this lad, we hear (4).
2 Taxing is useless to support an old fiddler (7).
3 Rich gravy served in dining cars, for example (7-5).
4 Line in manuscript under investigation is causing difficulties (8).
5 Alters start of emergency repairs (6).
7 Stick profit into footwear (7).
8 Plucky goalie, Mellors (10).
11 Diet is on course — bodies are tightened up here (8,4).
14 Banter makes one colour in school (10).
17 Feeling one is out for punishment (8).
19 Sounds as if janitor by end of shift is asleep (7).
21 A loss Rosemary should not suffer (7).
22 Reddish-brown flying saucer seen in Latin country (6).
25 It's no better than a marsh (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,275

M	I	S	S	P	E	L	T		C	H	A	F	E	D
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This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 31 per cent of the competitors at the 1993 Glasgow regional final of *The Times* Knockando Crossword Championship.

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Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
Dorset,Hants & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Glouca,Avon,Soms	705
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Hereids & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
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London & SE traffic, roadworks

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.13
Austria Sch	19.10	17.60
Belgium Fr	55.90	51.50
Canada $	2.06	1.90
Denmark Kr	10.48	9.68
Finland Mkk	9.18	8.38
France Fr	9.15	8.45
Germany Dm	2.71	2.51
Greece Dr	365.00	340.00
Hong Kong $	12.37	11.37
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2415.00	2270.00
Japan Yen	181.00	162.00
Netherlands Gld	3.05	2.82
Norway Kr	11.48	10.68
Portugal Esc	255.00	237.00
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.10
Spain Pta	202.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	12.35	11.55
Switzerland Fr	2.41	2.23
Turkey Lira	17000.0	16000.0
USA $	1.61	1.48

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

It will be another mainly dry and sunny day over much of England and Wales but cloud will increase in many northern and western parts. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy for much of the day with rain or drizzle. Over northwestern coasts and hills the rain will be heavy at times, and more generally in northern Scotland later. It will feel cool in the wind in the north. *Outlook: rain spreading south on Thursday followed by showers.*

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	f	Luxor	39	102	s
Akrotiri	32	90	s	Madrid	27	81	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Majorca	29	84	f
Algiers	29	84	f	Malaga	23	73	fg
Amst'dm	18	64	s	Malta	30	86	s
Athens	33	91	s	Melb'rne	11	52	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Miami*	32	90	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	23	73	f
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	28	82	s
Barcelona	27	81	s	Moscow	21	70	c
Beirut	29	84	s	Munich	14	57	c
Belgrade	35	95	f	Nairobi	21	70	c
Berlin	16	59	c	Naples	29	84	f
Bermuda*	28	82	c	N Delhi	37	99	f
Biarritz	19	66	f	N York*	28	82	s
Borde'x	21	70	s	Nice	26	79	s
Brussels	15	59	f	Oslo	16	61	f
Budapst	21	70	c	Paris	19	66	f
B Aires*	9	48	r	Peking	31	88	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Perth	15	59	s
Cape Tn	23	73	f	Prague	13	55	f
Chicago*	31	88	f	Reykjavik	7	45	c
Ch'church	9	48	c	Rhodes	33	91	s
Cologne	17	63	f	Rio de J	36	97	s
C'phgn	16	61	f	Riyadh	42	108	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Rome	26	79	f
Dublin	15	59	c	Salzburg	14	57	c
Dubrovnik	33	91	s	S Frisco*	21	70	s
Faro	29	84	s	Santiago*	11	52	s
Florence	27	81	s	Seoul	28	82	s
Frankfurt	17	63	c	Sing'por	27	81	r
Funchal	22	72	c	Stkholm	18	64	s
Geneva	20	68	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	f
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Sydney	15	59	r
Helsinki	18	64	s	Tangier	23	73	f
Hong K	30	86	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Innsbruck	15	59	c	Tokyo	25	77	s
Istanbul	29	84	s	Toronto*	29	84	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tunis	34	93	s
Jo'burg*	16	61	f	Valencia	31	88	s
Karachi	31	88	s	Venice*	16	61	c
L Palmas	24	75	s	Venice	26	79	s
Le Touet	17	63	f	Vienna	15	59	f
Lisbon	29	84	s	Warsaw	13	55	c
Locarno	28	84	s	Wash'ton*	35	95	f
L Angels*	23	73	c	Wel'ngton	14	57	f
Luxembg	14	57	c	Zurich	15	59	c

* Denotes figures are latest available

Scotland low; N Ireland low; Wales moderate to high; South West moderate to high; North moderate to high;East Anglia moderate to high; Midlands moderate to high; South East high; London moderate.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.5hr..

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.4hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.6	0.01	15	59	bright
Belfast	3.0	-	15	59	bright
Birmingham	10.6	-	18	64	sunny
Bognor Regis	8.4	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	13.2	-	20	68	sunny
Bristol	12.3	-	19	66	sunny
Buxton	9.2	-	16	61	sunny
Cardiff	13.2	-	20	68	sunny
Clacton	5.0	-	19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	8.6	0.01	15	59	sunny
Cromer	8.2	-	16	61	sunny
Eastbourne	6.2	-	21	70	bright
Edinburgh	8.4	-	17	63	bright
Exmouth	13.0	-	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	12.0	-	18	64	sunny
Folkestone	5.0	0.07	20	68	bright
Glasgow	9.1	-	16	61	sunny
Hastings	5.9	0.02	21	70	sunny
Hunstanton	10.7	-	16	61	sunny
Isle of Man	10.3	-	16	61	sunny
Leeds	6.8	-	18	64	sunny
Littlehampton	7.8	-	20	68	sunny
Liverpool	11.5	0.01	16	61	sunny
London	7.5	-	18	64	bright
Manchester	11.9	-	17	63	sunny
Margate	4.5	0.02	19	66	cloudy
Morecambe	12.9	-	17	63	sunny
Newcastle	6.7	-	16	61	bright
Nottingham	9.4	-	18	64	sunny
Penzance	10.9	-	18	64	sunny
Plymouth	12.3	-	19	66	sunny
Salcombe	11.9	-	21	70	sunny
Scarborough	12.2	0.04	21	70	sunny
Scilly Isles	13.1	-	17	63	sunny
Southend	8.0	-	21	70	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.02	13	55	dull
Teignmouth	13.8	-	21	70	sunny
Tenby	12.9	-	17	63	sunny
Torquay	12.6	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	11.5	-	20	68	sunny
Worthing	7.6	-	21	70	sunny

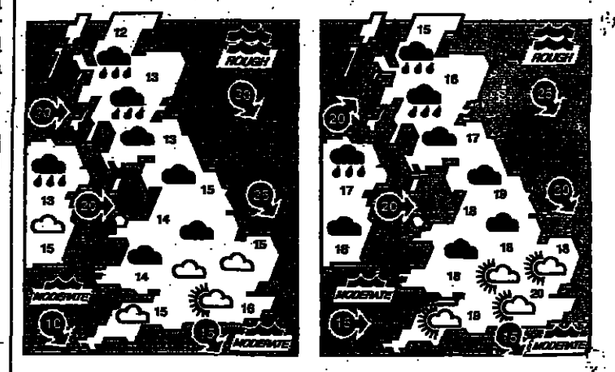
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London 9.48 pm to 4.22 am
Bristol 9.57 pm to 4.32 am
Edinburgh 10.27 pm to 4.07 am
Manchester 10.06 pm to 4.20 am
Penzance 10.03 pm to 4.51 am

Sun rises: 4.52 am
Sun sets: 9.18 pm
Moon rises 10.35 pm
Moon sets 8.54 am
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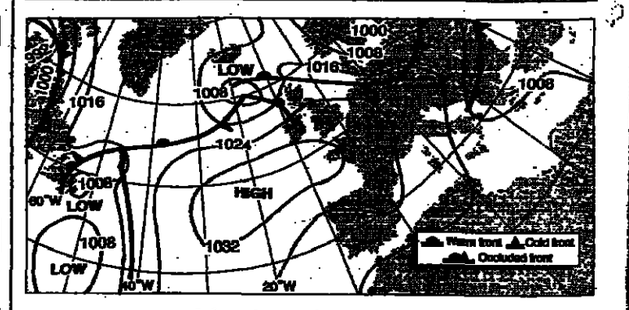
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	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	14	57	c	Guernsey	15	59	s
Birmgham	19	66	f	Inverness	14	57	c
Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	17	63	s
Bristol	18	64	s	London	18	64	s
Cardiff	19	66	s	M'nchster	13	55	c
Edinburgh	17	63	f	Newcastle	17	63	s
Glasgow	15	59	f	R'nldsway	18	61	c



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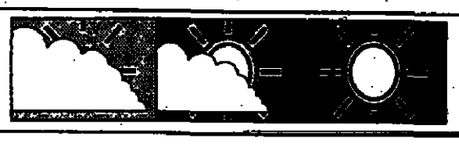
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London Bridge	4.50	7.1	5.00	6.09	Liverpool	1.58	9.2	2.19	8.7
Aberdeen	3.58	4.1	4.36	3.9	Lowestoft	12.30	2.2	12.15	2.5
Avonmouth	10.17	12.4	10.32	12.5	Margate	3.01	4.6	3.02	4.8
Belfast	1.46	3.5	2.14	3.2	Milford Haven	9.11	8.5	9.29	8.7
Cardiff	10.02	11.5	10.17	11.6	Newquay	8.02	6.5	8.20	6.7
Devonport	7.44	5.0	7.52	5.2	Oban	7.32	3.6	7.54	3.9
Dover	1.52	6.3	2.06	6.5	Penzance	7.46	5.1	7.54	5.3
Falmouth	8.14	4.8	8.22	5.0	Portland	8.49	1.9	9.02	2.0
Glasgow	3.41	4.8	4.06	4.3	Portsmouth	12.59	4.6	1.27	4.8
Harwich	2.42	3.9	2.52	3.9	Shoreham	1.46	5.9	2.19	5.9
Holyhead	1.00	5.5	1.28	5.1	Southampton	1.31	4.2	2.07	4.3
Hull	9.09	7.3	9.43	6.8	Swansea	9.15	8.6	9.32	9.0
Ilfracombe	8.58	8.6	9.16	8.8	Tees	8.29	5.3	7.03	5.0
King's Lynn	9.17	6.5	9.56	6.0	Wilton-on-Ntss	2.37	4.1	2.45	4.1
Leith	5.26	5.3	6.02	5.1					



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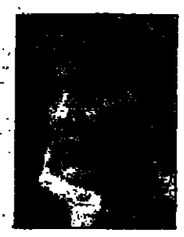


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Raising funds for a memorial to the great G.K.



ARTS 33-34

Patricia Hodge, in touching form in Separate Tables



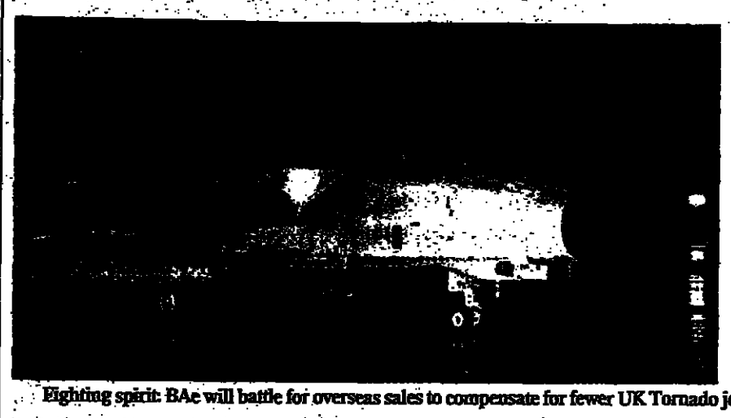
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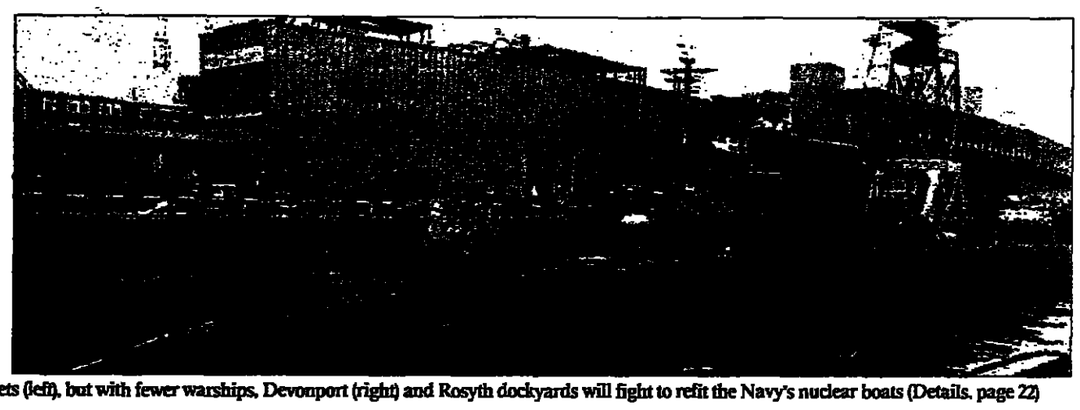
Caddick gives England brief glimpse of hope

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Jobs at risk as defence industry pays price of peace dividend



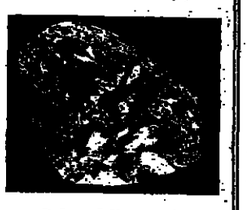


Fighting spirit: BAe will battle for overseas sales to compensate for fewer UK Tornado jets (left), but with fewer warships, Devonport (right) and Rosyth dockyards will fight to refit the Navy's nuclear boats (Details, page 22)

BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

BUSINESS TODAY

HARD SELL



Sales of diamonds broke a half-yearly record dating back more than a century, De Beers reported
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JOBS DRIVE

Lord Walker is spearheading an unprecedented effort to offer miners new jobs for old
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RESCUE PLAN



Postel, the pension fund, is underwriting a rescue package for Greycoat, the property developer
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THE POUND

US $	1.5105 (-0.0010)
German mark	2.5682 (+0.0047)
Exchange index	81.4 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2848.1 (+9.6)
Dow Jones	3486.46 (+2.49)*
Nikkei Avg	19829.78 (+206.72)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	5 15/16-5 13/16%
US Federal Funds	3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.95-2.94%*
Long Bond	6.65%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5100*	£:$	1.5110
$:DM	1.7000*	£:DM	2.5672
$:SWfr	1.5105*	£:SWfr	2.2804
$:Ffr	5.7515*	£:Ffr	8.6920
$:Yen	108.20*	£:Yen	163.62
£:SDR	n/a	£:ECU	1.3085

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 388.00 PM 391.65
Close 391.40-391.90
New York:
Comex 392.85-393.35*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.1 May (1.3%)

* Denotes midday trading price

EBRD braced for 'damaging report'

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

New tough budget controls at the EBRD are likely after a "damaging" auditors' report into the bank's spending under its outgoing president Jacques Attali

ANNE Wibble, chairman of the board of governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, yesterday braced staff for a highly critical auditors' report on the institution's lavish spending under its outgoing president Jacques Attali that could lead to further changes at the top.

Bank officials said yesterday that the audit committee report, due out on July 15, will be "quite damaging" to key executives at the bank and concern their procedures for controlling expenditure.

The governors demanded the report after the EBRD was criticised in the media for spending more on its City headquarters and staff than it had disbursed to its target economies in the former Soviet bloc. The criticism of spending on new marble for its headquarters, extensive use of private jets and other costs, led to M Attali's resignation and could lead to pressure on other executives close to him and the introduction of tough budgetary controls.

Mrs Wibble told *The Times* after a day of meetings at the EBRD's Broadgate offices yesterday that she could not disclose the substance of the report before it was finalised by the directors and governors. She said, however, that the recommendations were "important for the future" of the bank.

Underlining her desire to overcome the damage she believes the EBRD's image has suffered, Mrs Wibble said: "It is time to leave the past and look to the future. This is important for the operations of the bank and, not least, for financing in the former communist countries."

The main purpose of her meetings in London was to speed up the process of finding a successor to M Attali, who resigned a fortnight ago after it became known that he had been doubly reimbursed for a flight to the Far East and had received a $20,000 fee to lecture in Tokyo.

Mrs Wibble said yesterday that a European "ought to be the president", which appeared to rule out the possibility of an American taking control. Last month, there was persistent speculation that Ernest Stern, an American of German extraction and a director of the World Bank, was to take over effective leadership of the EBRD.

In a pep talk to the bank's staff yesterday, Mrs Wibble confirmed reports that Jacques de Larosière, governor of the French central bank, and Henning Christophersen, the European economics commissioner, were prominent among several names put forward. She later told *The Times*, however, that there had been no formal application to the bank at this stage, even though the deadline for nominations is July 21. After that, governors will have three weeks in which to choose the president.

After talks with her deputies and M Attali yesterday, Mrs Wibble, Sweden's finance minister, said that the winning candidate would have to secure majority support from the governments behind the bank as well as a majority of shareholders.

Although the European Community, with 51 per cent of the shares, will need to support the new candidate, the 12-member states alone would not command sufficient numbers to win a majority among the backer governments. The smaller member countries could group behind a candidate that was opposed by Brussels, but would not be able to secure enough shareholder votes.

Mrs Wibble said she hoped concensus would emerge and expected G7 members to discuss the matter at the Tokyo summit this week and EC finance ministers to discuss it at their next meeting.

Mindful of the power vacuum left by M Attali, Mrs Wibble wants the new president to be in place "as soon as possible". That meant by the end of August or early September, she said.

Mrs Wibble told the bank's staff that she thought there had been achievements in the EBRD's first two years. She said the criticism that it was slow to disperse funds was "misplaced". That the bank is on course to have about 30 per cent of its capital committed by the end of this year was "quite an achievement", and indicated that its operating performance was "encouraging", she said.

Amid concern at the bank about the American Congress's decision to withhold funds from the EBRD, Mrs Wibble stressed the importance of shareholders' support in difficult times.



Leaving past behind: Anne Wibble, chairman of governors

Only 2.8m join list for BT3

By Patricia Tehan

ONLY 2.8 million new investors have registered for information for the Treasury's £5.2 billion BT3 share sale, taking total registrations to 5.2 million, including existing shareholders and employees.

That compares with 4.5 million new registrations during the BT2 share sale, making 5.25 million, including existing shareholders.

Two million people have registered with Share Shops, including 600,000 existing BT shareholders and employees, and 1.4 million people have registered with the Share Information Office.

The UK public offer closes at 10am on Wednesday, July 14, but most Share Shops require applications by Monday. Bidding in the international offer closes on July 16. The shares are due to begin trading on July 19.

The response to the public offer has disappointed some Share Shops. David Ellis, of Johnson Fry, the financial services group, said: "We have had a number of concerns." The advertising did not seem to have got its message across, he said.

Kohl sees upturn but more jobs go

By Janet Bush in London and Roger Boyes in Bonn

GERMAN officials tried to talk up Germany's economic prospects on the eve of the Tokyo summit, against the background of a weakening currency and rising unemployment. They are aware that last week's interest rate cuts have not removed pressure for more action to stimulate activity.

Chancellor Kohl said the recession in western Germany might already have bottomed out.

In a speech prepared for Tokyo but released in Bonn, he said: "Industrial production has stabilised since the spring, foreign demand for industrial products has been significantly more lively since the new year ... the consumer climate and retail turnover have improved."

However, his comments coincided with figures showing that 7 per cent of the west German workforce is now unemployed. In eastern Germany, the figure is 14.4 per cent.

This week, Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, showed unaccustomed optimism on inflation, prompting speculation in financial markets that the central bank may become less cautious about cutting interest rates. He said inflation had come a little closer to the bank's target of 2 per cent and there were signs that upward pressure on prices had abated.

However, these comments appear designed more to justify last week's rate cuts than to foreshadow others. Germany clearly feels that the monetary easing, coupled with Bonn's plans to cut public spending, constitute a good package to bring to the Tokyo summit.

Speculation that further cuts may be on the way was fuelled by a report in *Der Spiegel*, the news magazine, that a majority of Bundesbank council members, including Hans Tietmeyer, who takes over from Herr Schlesinger in October, had wanted sharper cuts than the ones announced. The discount rate was cut by ½ point to 6.75 per cent and the Lombard rate by ¼ point to 8.25 per cent.

The Bundesbank denied the report yesterday. The mark closed at 2.5682 against sterling, down another ½ pfennig.

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The economics of running a whelk stall



ANATOLE KALETSKY

I must make a public apology to Sir Terry Burns, the permanent secretary of the Treasury, and Eddie George, the new Governor of the Bank of England. For the past two years, I have regularly accused them of being responsible for the economic mess in Britain.

The government, of course, takes a different view. Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, has paid tribute to the high calibre of his officials. And yesterday, Bill Robinson, a top official under Norman Lamont, returned the compliment. He described the delight in the Treasury about Mr Clarke's willingness to do as he is told.

"In his recent FT interview, the new Chancellor threatened to put up taxes if the economy did not recover," he said. "That was extraordinary because, before he came to the Treasury, Mr Clarke's instincts were Keynesian and Keynesians believe that when demand is weak it should be boosted by tax cuts, not held back by tax increases.

"It looks as though Mr Clarke, after talking to his officials and junior ministers, has come round to the Treasury view."

A few days ago, I would have found this statement shocking and urged Mr Clarke (in vain, of course) to recruit some independent-minded economists to protect him from the Bank and Treasury views. I would have reminded him that Sir Terry Burns, when he was chief economic adviser to the government, was the man primarily responsible for the decision to take sterling into the exchange-rate mechanism at a parity of DM2.95.

I would have recalled that Eddie George, when he was deputy governor, was the man primarily responsible for the government's market "intelligence" on White Wednesday and, therefore, for the costly decision to "go down fighting" against the currency markets instead of simply leaving the ERM.

I might then have made the kind of argument Mr Major uses in his implacable campaign to privatise British Rail: there must be plenty of outsiders, with more impressive records than the in-house managers, who deserve the chance to try to do a better job.

But on Monday my eyes were opened: I read the report of the Seven Wise Men, the Treasury's new panel of outside economic advisers.

The broad conclusions of their report were unobjectionable: the recovery "remains fragile"; public borrowing must "come down considerably from present levels"; "interest rates should be cut to sustain recovery in response to a fiscal tightening" or a "sharp" rise in sterling. But what did all these phrases mean?

The devil is in the detail and if Mr Clarke bothered to read the Wise Men's seven detailed submissions he would be thoroughly confused. He would find, for example, that despite their support for a monetary easing when fiscal policy is tightened, five of the seven panelists expect no cut in interest rates this year while most of them see an increase next year.

He would also find that all but one (Patrick Minford) expect unemployment to remain at or above its present level until the end of 1994, with only a tiny reduction in the subsequent two years.

He would find that, instead of using a common set of policy assumptions to show where present policies might take the economy, each of the Wise Men chooses to be his own Chancellor. Mr Clarke would realise that these "wise men" could not even agree on which issues were worth discussing — one talking about the balance of payments, another about the money supply and a third veering off into discussions of the natural rate of unemployment.

He would find, in other words, that the best and brightest in British academic and business economics have argued themselves to a standstill after just four months. They could not run a whelk stall, never mind the Treasury or even an advisory committee. Having realised all this, Mr Clarke would then turn to Sir Terry and Mr George with relief.

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COUNTING THE COST OF DEFENCE CUTS

Companies in the front line

Cuts will speed move to mergers

A NEW round of job losses is looming in the defence industry, where more than 130,000 workers have already paid the price of Britain's peace dividend.

Defence contractors obliged to review capacity are expected to seek mergers or new collaborative agreements with overseas partners. The process is expected to gather pace as the Ministry of Defence details needs for the next century outlined in its latest defence review, published on Monday.

In the past, the Ministry of Defence was wary of mergers among defence contractors, preferring to retain competing suppliers within Britain in the belief this would keep prices down. Now it seems content to allow a concentration within the UK industry, believing it will be able to contain upward pressure on prices by threatening to buy overseas. The shift in strategy appears to have the backing of the industry department, where ministers argue that the ability of British manufacturers to compete on a world stage should be a policy priority.

Winning on world markets is now widely perceived as a more effective way of keeping costs down and ensuring the survival of one of Britain's biggest industries. Critics argue that Britain's high level of defence spending throughout the Cold war impaired the development of the economy at large. But it none the less gave the United Kingdom a world-class industry that has achieved growing success selling weapons to developing economies overseas.

The application of sophisticated electronics has made modern weapons increasingly expensive to develop, however. And ministers are doing their best to ensure that defence companies pick up a bigger chunk of development costs themselves.

Collaboration in weapons development is nothing new. Britain has been co-operating with European partners to build warplanes for decades, with Jaguar and Tornado and now the four-nation Eurofighter 2000 project devised to spread the cost of the weapons system.

But the pressures are now pushing collaboration into new fields. Britain is working with France on the development of the next generation of frigates for the Royal Navy. Three British companies were working with overseas partners to offer rival solutions to the MoD demand for an anti-aircraft missile to replace the old Bloodhound system. That project was one of two deferred on Monday.

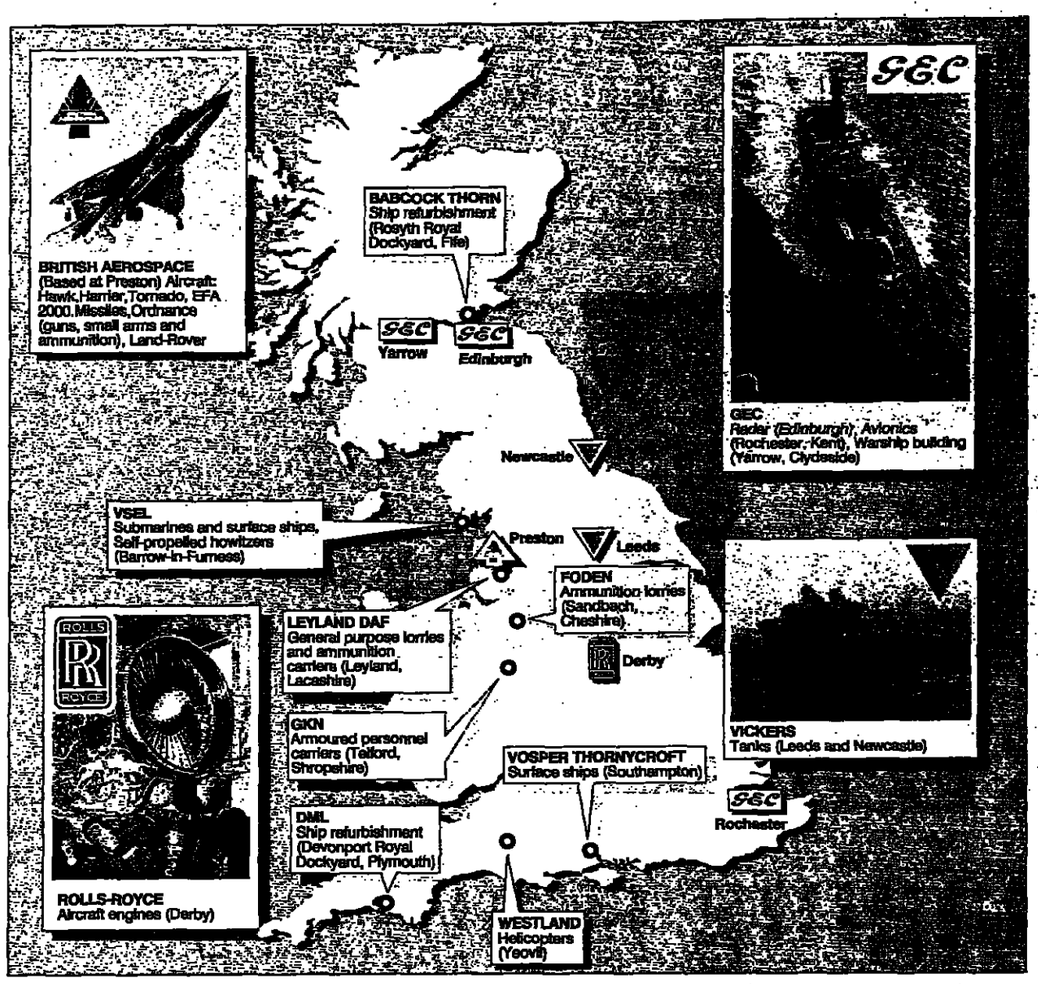
In all, more than a million jobs in Britain are reckoned to depend upon the defence industry. They range from MoD sponsored research programmes in pure science to civilian contractors working on military installations.

The biggest defence contractor, **British Aerospace**, employs more than 100,000 people and is capable of building an airfield, equipping it with aircraft and training the pilots to fly them.

More than 10,000 defence jobs have already been axed at BAe. Monday's announcement clarifies only part of the uncertainty overhanging prospective orders for the MoD. The decision to disband a further squadron of Tornado fighters will reduce the demand for spares, while it remains unclear whether the government will order expensive mid-life updates for some of the bomber versions.

The renewed MoD commitment to Eurofighter 2000 should ensure the survival of the BAe warplane business for another two decades. But it will also reinforce the logic of the stormy courtship between BAe and GEC, its biggest supplier of avionics, radar, and other specialised electronic systems.

Further down the supply chain, suppliers of aerospace components and missiles are already responding energetically to merger pressures. Having bought Dowty, a leading component maker just a year ago, TI has now arranged to combine its aircraft undercarriage business with that of Snecma, the French aero engine maker. Although no job losses are yet foreseen, the joint venture is expected to offer opportunities to make more efficient use of resources, and create a business that avoids risk by getting under the wings of almost every aircraft in the western world.



Directors at **Rolls-Royce**, the aero-engine company, which has announced repeated waves of job losses, doubt Rolls will ever design another new engine alone. Every British warplane is powered by Rolls engines, but the motor for Eurofighter, like that of Tornado, will be developed by an international consortium.

Workers at **Westland** in Yeovil could take heart from Monday's promise to buy troop carrying helicopters. Westland's EH101, already on order for the Royal Navy in an anti-submarine role, looks like the frontrunner. But the factory has been operating at half throttle for years.

The rundown of the Royal Navy, accelerated on Monday by plans to reduce numbers of submarines and frigates still further, is likely to claim more jobs in the shipyards. In the past decade, two of the four Royal Dockyards that had been refurbishing warships for centuries, Chatham and Portsmouth, have already closed. This year the **Cammell Laird** shipyard on Merseyside has completed its last warship and **Swan Hunter** on Tyneside looks set to follow suit soon. That still leaves three warship building yards, **VSEL** at Barrow-in-Furness, **Yarrow** on Clydeside and **Vosper Thornycroft** at Southampton struggling to eke out a declining Royal Navy order book with overseas commissions. And it spells further job losses at the remaining royal dockyards, **Devonport** in Plymouth and **Rosyth** in Fife, which will have less Navy refit work to do.

More than a million jobs are estimated to depend on the defence industry

The Army fared best on Monday. But reorganisation remains overdue among armoured vehicle manufacturers, **Vickers** at Leeds and Newcastle, **GKN** in Telford and **Alvis** in Coventry, even though Vickers can expect a second order for Challenger 2 tanks. The best news in Monday's announcement was reserved for **Foden**, the American-owned truck maker at Sandbach, Cheshire. The company has been recruiting this year. Now it has won the biggest order in its history: a £75 million contract to build 404 heavy ammunition carries for the Army.

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Industrial Correspondent

The irresistible force pulling GEC and BAe together

BY MARTIN WALLER AND JON ASHWORTH

BRITISH Aerospace and GEC may have parted well before the banns could be read, but intelligent market speculation says that the two's respective defence interests must one day meet at the altar.

The shrinking of the British defence industry, a trend long pre-dating this week's defence cuts, makes such mergers inevitable. Lord Weinstock may recently have made it clear that he has no plans to launch a full bid for British Aerospace, but he has been stalking its defence side virtually since privatisation almost a decade ago.

The two had been in low-level talks for some months, driven by Lord Weinstock's belief that the British defence industry is not big enough to warrant a large number of different players.

Instead, he has long dreamed of creating the world's biggest defence contractor, a force that would be large enough to take on multinational corporations such as Martin Marietta and McDonnell Douglas. His plans were stalling, along with the talks, even before one of the advisers close to the affair leaked the matter to a Sunday newspaper.

The two sides were then faced with a dilemma. A Stock Exchange announcement was inevitable, and they either had to admit that discussions were off or carry on in the full glare of publicity. The two decided to make it clear that the talks were over.

The latest talks involved pairing the defence electronics arm of GEC with the military aircraft subsidiary of British Aerospace. The topic had already absorbed its share of newsprint. In October 1991, the story was that GEC would take a 30 per cent stake in British Aerospace.

A topical theme saw British Aerospace unbundling into its main parts: civil aircraft, defence, Rover cars and Arlington Securities, the property developer. Those rumours coincided with a misconceived BBC report that a full takeover was imminent. Talk about British Aerospace's future was fuelled by the resignation of Professor Sir Roland Smith as chairman in the wake of British Aerospace's disastrous £432 million rights issue and a warning of sharply lower annual profits from the group. In the event, nothing happened, but this was not enough to kill the speculation.

GEC and British Aerospace are the UK's principle defence contractors. GEC was once joint owner of the British Aircraft Corporation, which became part of British Aerospace when the aircraft industry was nationalised in 1977.

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As far back as 1984, fears that Thorn-EMI was keen to take over British Aerospace led to talks between Lord Weinstock and Sir Raymond Lygo, then managing director of British Aerospace. The talks came to nothing and relations between the two companies worsened.

In 1987, British Aerospace began discussing a possible link-up with Thomson-CSF, the French defence electronics group, and AEG of Germany. The talks finally foundered in 1991. Their collapse left GEC as British Aerospace's natural partner and relations improved.

Lord Weinstock and Professor Smith discussed an injection by GEC of up to £400 million into British Aerospace, to be followed by the disposal of most of BAe's non-defence businesses.

Hostility from Sir Graham Day, who took over as the chairman of British Aerospace in September 1991, then saw talk of a tie-up fade once more.

Subsidies 'threaten steel plan'

FROM AFP
IN BRUSSELS

THE EC's plan to rescue the struggling steel industry is being blocked by national subsidy policies, officials warned yesterday.

They were speaking before a meeting of the EC executive commission today to discuss a controversial restructuring plan for Ilva, the loss-making Italian state-owned steel giant. Karel Van Miert, the EC competition commissioner, said that unprofitable state-owned steel companies were resisting efforts to make them cut back production as a condition of new aid. There was a real danger, he said, that private steelmakers, struggling in the shrinking market, would also be driven to seek state aid and that this race for subsidies could cause the collapse of EC steel policy.

Ilva has refused the commission's demand to cut steel output by 3 million tonnes a year if it goes ahead with a restructuring plan which EC officials say involves 4 billion ecus (£3.06 billion) of state aid.

The commission is also rejecting a Spanish plan to inject 4.5 billion ecus into a new steel mill in the Basque region because it does not involve big enough production cuts.

The EC plan calls on steelmakers to lay off 70,000 workers by the end of 1994 and to cut output 20 per cent.

SE review of briefing rules welcomed by fund managers

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

LEADING investment institutions welcomed yesterday's announcement by the Stock Exchange that it is to look afresh at how quoted companies can disseminate price-sensitive information, hoping clear guidelines will emerge.

The Stock Exchange said the review group, which would start work this autumn, will include representatives of companies, investment institutions and brokers.

The review body will take into account Part V of the criminal justice bill covering insider dealing and the Stock Exchange's own listing rules in its deliberations.

John Rogers, secretary of the influential investment committee of the National Association of Pension Funds, immediately welcomed the move, which follows concern over recent incidents involving the release of information. He said: "The investment committee have been aware of one or two problems in this area and welcome the response of the Stock Exchange."

He suggested that it might be that all that was needed was "a strong reminder to companies that they obey the rules on disclosure of price-sensitive information". He said: "We think it may be more a question of the review body making a pronouncement and enforcing it." Yesterday a spokesman for Allied-Lyons, one of Britain's leading quoted brewers, said: "Anything that sets out in detail how companies should behave, and thereby makes companies lives' easier, is to be welcomed. We feel that in the past companies have been well aware of their responsibilities to all shareholders. But attitudes have changed and anything that simplifies things is welcome."


Clear rules: Sir Andrew wants better information flow

The review was partly prompted by pressure from the 100 Group of Finance Directors, representing Britain's corporate heavyweights. It will include the views of the exchange's listed companies advisory committee and will report to the chairman of the Stock Exchange.

Disclosure has become an increasingly sensitive issue recently after a broker was convicted of insider dealing following a company briefing. The exchange also reprimanded London International, the condoms group, after it warned selected analysts that profit expectations were too high.

Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the Stock Exchange, said: "I am delighted that we are tackling this jointly with the people who are most directly involved. None of the organisations concerned wants to replace the professional judgment of company directors and other advisers by a detailed code of practice, but we are all keen to increase the flow of information from companies to the market."

He added that the exercise aimed to re-establish clear principles that allowed companies to communicate with confidence in the evolving legal environment.

Granada raises its stake in LWT

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

GRANADA, the television contractor for north-west England, heightened speculation that it plans a takeover of LWT by raising its stake in the London weekend broadcaster to 19.99 per cent, the maximum that is permitted by the Independent Television Commission.

Having paid £67.9 million for a 14.99 per cent holding on June 29, Granada yesterday spent £22.7 million on a further 5 per cent. The 500p a share purchase price represented a small premium on LWT's share price, which rose by 1p, to 483p, ahead of the deal. Granada's shares fell 4p, to 417p.

The move confirmed analysts' views that Granada is gearing up for a full bid for LWT in the expectation that current rules, which prohibit takeovers between the nine biggest players, will be relaxed. Guy Lamming, media analyst at James Capel, said: "Granada are betting on a change . . . so that they can use this stake as a starting point."

A Granada spokesman commented: "The company is positioning itself in the expectation, but by no means certainty, that the rules on ownership will be relaxed."

The 15 ITV companies met Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, last month to discuss the takeover rules. The big companies, including Granada and LWT, pressed for large companies to be allowed to acquire others. Globalisation is increasing in the television industry and the big firms fear the ITV companies will be too small to compete with bigger international rivals.

Gerry Robinson, Granada's chief executive, and Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of LWT, are due to meet in London today, their first encounter since Granada took its stake. A spokesman said the talks would be "wide-ranging".

Apple Computer to shed 2,500 workers

APPLE Computer announced it was cutting 2,500 jobs yesterday as the first part of a massive shake up planned to restore profits growth at the world's second largest personal computer maker. Wall Street analysts say the company is expected to take a $100 million charge against third quarter results which could push it into the red.

A spokeswoman for Apple refused to comment further last night but declined to rule out further cuts among the group's 16,000 worldwide workforce. She said UK employment figures were not shown separately. The shake up is the first under Michael Spindler, who replaced John Sculley as chief executive two weeks ago after a profits warning.

Sims cuts dividend

SIMS Food is cutting its final dividend to 4.5p (8.25p), giving a total of 7.5p (11.25p), after £6.59 million of exceptional provisions pushed the meat processor and supplier into the red. The pre-tax loss was £586,000 in the year to March 31, in what the company described as "the most difficult trading circumstances we have ever experienced". That compares with a £6.84 million profit last time, restated under FRS3. Turnover increased by 24 per cent, to £312 million. Sims shares were unchanged at 105p.

Farepak flourishes

FAREPAK'S agency network, through which it sells its Christmas hampers, will expand to 70,000 by next December from 55,000 last year, the company said. An extra 8,000 agents were acquired through the recent acquisition of Littlewoods Hampers. Farepak disclosed full-year pre-tax profits up 13.8 per cent to £5.51 million on sales up 12.2 per cent at £70.5 million. In the year to end-April, earnings per share increased to 16.26p (14.3p), and the total dividend is 5.75p (5p), via a 4.1p final.

P&P profit doubles

PRE-TAX profits of P&P, the personal computer distributor and computing services supplier, doubled to £2 million in the six months to May 31. David Southworth, managing director, said market conditions remained difficult. Turnover, though depressed by discontinued activities, climbed to £121.8 million (£119.3 million). Sales from continuing activities rose to £104.8 million (£91.6 million).

The interim dividend is raised to 0.8p (0.7p). P&P shares eased 5p to 74p.

Desmond boosts jobs

DESMOND & Son, a privately owned Northern Ireland clothing manufacturer, is carrying out a £24 million expansion programme. Six hundred jobs will be created. The company will build a factory at Magherafelt, County Londonderry, to employ 400 and take over for pilot production and warehousing a former Coats Viyella shirt factory that closed last year. Desmond, which supplies women's and children's wear to Marks and Spencer, will add 200 employees to the 2,700 it already has at 11 other plants.

De Beers diamond sales are best for 105 years

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
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DE BEERS yesterday announced record first-half diamond sales figures for 1993 of $2.543 billion — the best half yearly sales in 105 years of operation — and further eased the supply quotas that were imposed on producers last September when the diamond market was weak.

But after the burst that lifted first-half sales by 42 per cent above 1992 levels, and which were 56 per cent up on sales recorded in the second half of last year, De Beers cautioned that the diamond market's strength is unlikely to last out the year.

"Although the demand for rough diamonds remains firm, it would be unwise to look upon the increased level of Central Selling Organisation sales for the first half year as a reliable guide to 1993 as a whole," De Beers said.

The first half was influenced by special factors that included some restocking in the cutting centres and some consumer markets. CSO diamond sales had also benefited, to some extent, from Russian export quotas (since lifted) in the first three months on polished stones, and from February's 1.5 per cent price rise on some categories of diamonds above 0.75 carats.

Compared with 1992, there had also been a reduced incidence of smuggled stones from Angola and Zaire. But, the dry season has again started in Angola, and in defence of the CSO, De Beers has again been a buyer of certain parcels of rough diamonds that have come onto the Antwerp market. In June, America sold $77 million of rough diamonds from its official stockpile, and plans further stockpile sales this year.

De Beers adds that the economic recovery is faltering in certain of its important markets, but says that China, where it has increased its advertising and which could develop into an annual $300 million market, remains "promising and interesting". The market for polished diamonds was not as strong as for rough diamonds.

"While De Beers remains cautiously optimistic about the future, no dramatic improvement in retail sales is expected until there is a resurgence of world economic activity," the group said.

De Beers' interim results are due on August 12. The shares held steady at £12½.

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Postel set to reap property windfall

■ Greycoat shareholders are being asked to approve complex refinancing proposals that may give one of Britain's biggest pension funds control of their company

BY CARL MORTISHED

POSTEL, the pension fund that yesterday announced a rescue package for Greycoat, the distressed property developer, is likely to obtain control of more than £500 million of prime London real estate in exchange for underwriting about £70 million of new equity. Postel will also own a substantial stake in big developments such as Paternoster Square, next to St Paul's, and the redevelopment of the station forecourt at Victoria.

Greycoat's shareholders were yesterday trying to untangle the complex refinancing proposals that must be approved by them as well as by Greycoat's bankers and bondholders. The company said failure to approve the deal might jeopardise its future. Greycoat must redeem a £50 million bond in June 1995 and faces a £9.4 million increase in the interest charge on another bond in 1996.

Postel's rescue package, conditional on Greycoat's net assets at March 31 being not less than £80 million, involves the purchase of a new property by Greycoat from Postel for £58 million, a four-for-one rights issue at 12.5p to raise £59 million, a placing of 30 million shares at 15p with Postel, a second rights issue to preference shareholders to raise £6.25 million and the issuing to Postel of 37.5 million warrants, convertible into ordinary shares at 25p.

Postel, which manages about £20 billion of pension funds for the Post Office and BT, is underwriting the rights issues and will increase its holding in Greycoat from 5.4 to 27 per cent. If existing shareholders do not take up their rights, Postel could end up with 87 per cent of the company. The fund's managers said that if that happened, they would reduce their holding to 75 per cent, to maintain Greycoat's listing.

Holders of Greycoat's £50 million of preference shares are being asked to approve a reduction in income from 9.5 to 9 per cent, a cut in capital from 100p to 40p and a waiver of accumulated dividends. The company's zero-coupon bond holders, who are owed £39.8 million, will be offered £40 million of 7.5 per cent bonds in exchange.

Alastair Ross Goobey, Postel's chief executive, will join Greycoat's board as a non-executive when the restructuring is complete. Postel expects to take advantage of the closer relationship with Greycoat to develop its own property assets.

Geoffrey Wilson, Greycoat's chairman, said the proposals offered a fair basis on which pain could be shared.

Greycoat said its results for the year to March 31 would be revealed in a circular to shareholders in six weeks' time. Rental income was £44 million during the period and the portfolio is 95 per cent let.

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Asprey poised for listing after Sears sells stake



DENZIL McGEELANCE

Market prospect: Naim Attallah, Asprey chief executive, said Sears's disposal of its interest would broaden Asprey's shareholder base

SEARS, the Selfridges-to-Dolcis retail company, has sold its 25 per cent stake in Asprey, the USM-quoted jewellery group, for £92 million. Naim Attallah, Asprey's chief executive, described the development as a milestone, enabling his group to broaden its shareholder base and thereby qualify for a full Stock Exchange listing (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Liam Strong, Sears chief executive, said the investment in Asprey had not been central to Sears's strategy, which was to concentrate on mass-market retail and home-shopping businesses.

Sears made a pre-tax profit of about £7 million on the disposal of the stake, which comprised 20.3 million ordinary shares, bought in 1980, and 18.5 million unquoted participating preferred shares, acquired through the sale of Mappin & Webb and Garrard to Asprey in 1990.

Asprey revealed an 11.7 per cent rise in pre-tax profit, to £21.6 million, for the year to March 31, on turnover of £144.7 million, up 35 per cent. A final dividend of 4p makes 5.1p for the year, up 5.2 per cent.

☐ Sears is closing ter Meulen Post, its loss-making Dutch mail order business.

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Britton to seek £31m for growth

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

BRITTON Group is calling for £31.4 million of fresh funds with which to make an acquisition that will cause the packaging company to almost treble in size.

Britton, which was formed last October after Firstland Group bought Gelpack Industrial, the polythene maker, is buying Taco Holdings, a polythene film maker, for up to £26.5 million in cash and shares. This consists of an initial payment of £21 million, the rest dependent on future profits.

Robin Williams, Britton's chief executive, said the deal, creating the UK's second-largest extruder of polythene film, will enhance earnings.

Britton is raising a net £31.4 million through a placing, intermediaries offer and rights issue, underwritten by Credit Lyonnais Laing, on a one-for-one basis at 10p a share, to finance the acquisition and reduce the enlarged group's borrowings.

Britton has declared a second interim dividend of 0.66p and plans to pay a final dividend of 0.09p, making a total payout of 0.18p (nil). Shares in Britton Group are suspended at 14¼p.

New chief chosen for Grid

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE surprise appointment of David Jones, chief executive of South Wales Electricity, to the same post at the much larger National Grid Company from January 1 has raised expectations that the Grid, jointly owned by the electricity distributors, will eventually be floated on the stock market.

Mr Jones will replace Bill Kerss, a former deputy chairman of South Wales before the industry was privatised, who retires next March. Mr Jones, 51, was promoted from managing director to chief executive at South Wales in April, although Wynford Evans, the chairman, has made it clear that he will be staying as full-time chairman until November 1994, when he reaches the normal retirement age of 60.

Last autumn, the 12 distributors shelved the idea of floating the Grid given prevailing market conditions. But the Grid is in regular informal contact with the City, and an eventual float looks inevitable.

Mr Jones's salary at the Grid is not being revealed, although it is expected to be more than the £175,000 he receives at South Wales.

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Power pool prices 'dent competition'

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

ONE of the 12 electricity distribution companies in England and Wales has claimed that prices in the power pool have climbed so sharply this summer that they disadvantage big companies as they move slowly out of recession.

Roger Murray, head of supply at Midlands Electricity, said those industrial consumers who have chosen to take power from the pool, which was designed to create a competitive market for electricity, rather than tie themselves to fixed-price contracts with his company, have since complained that price rises have jeopardised their competitive position.

He pointed to an immediate 20 per cent rise in prices in the pool, which is dominated by the two big generators, National Power and PowerGen, on April 1, the start of the financial year.

The issue of high electricity prices in the pool has long led to protests from big energy users, and the Office of Electricity Regulation, the industry regulator, has admitted concern.

Midlands closed the distributors' annual results reporting season with a 15.9 per cent dividend rise, against an average increase of 15.2 per cent. The shares rose 8p to 491p. Pre-tax profits rose by £25 million to £167.1 million in the year to end-March, while borrowings were virtually wiped out. A final dividend of 4.65p makes a total of 20p.

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Buoyant 3i hails rise in firms' confidence

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S leading provider of risk capital to small and medium-sized companies, 3i Group, said business confidence had returned as it unveiled a 39 per cent rise in pre-tax revenues, to £56 million, for the year to March 31.

The figure was helped by an £8 million exceptional credit from the Inland Revenue, to cover interest on previously overpaid tax.

Ewen Macpherson, 3i's chief executive, said he expected recovery to be fragile because of difficulties in continental European markets. Falling order volumes from Germany, in particular, were hurting UK manufacturers.

Mr Macpherson revealed that new investments by 3i had fallen to £310 million, in 644 firms, from £415 million, in 822 companies, the previous year. He expected investments to increase this year; 3i had cash and bank facilities of £750 million available.

Despite the reduction in new investments, 3i believes it increased its market share from 45 to 48 per cent. Mr Macpherson said investment in areas such as plant and buildings had fallen sharply "and that is only now beginning to pick up".

He said business confidence was back at 1988 levels and when confidence improved, action followed "a few months later". Provisions rose from £60 million to £171 million, including £72 million to cover 3i's investment in Isosceles, the supermarket group. Of that, £44 million had previously been treated as a value deficit, so the net impact of provisions was £127 million. UK investment provisions, at £70 million, were about the same as the previous year.

Mr Macpherson said about 170 of the 3,800 companies in which 3i had stakes had failed during the year, 30 per cent fewer than the prevous time. He expected that trend to continue this year.

Sir George Russell, a non-executive director who is also chairman of the Independent Television Commission, is tipped to be 3i's next chairman.

Alan Wheatley, the previous chairman, resigned in April after Barclays and National Westminster, which control 41 per cent of 3i's shares, changed their minds about plans for a flotation.

The company cut staffing from 667 to 571, at a cost of £4.5 million. Operating costs have fallen by a fifth in the past two years.

Net assets per share increased by 4.6 per cent, to 563p. The company is paying a dividend of 11.5p, up 5.5 per cent. Earnings per share increased by 16 per cent, to 15.8p.



Guarded optimism: Ewen Macpherson, chief executive

Stanley Gibbons chairman makes bid

STANLEY Gibbons, the stamp dealer, has received a £2 million takeover bid from Paul Fraser, chairman and chief executive.

Mr Fraser and his family, already speaking for 25.4 per cent, have contracted to buy the 19.1 per cent owned by the institutional shareholder Foreign and Colonial, making the family holding 44.5 per cent and triggering a full takeover bid at the highest price Mr Fraser has paid for shares in the past 12 months — 15p.

Stanley Gibbons said that it wanted to remove the uncertainty and overhang in the market caused by knowledge that Foreign and Colonial wanted to sell. It is not known whether Sir Ron Brierley's GPG, with 29.9 per cent, will accept the bid. The shares are traded on a matched bargain basis on the Stock Exchange.

Avesco cuts loss

Avesco, the television equipment group that raised £12 million in a rights issue, beat its forecast £1.5 million loss for the year to March 31 with a pre-tax £1.3 million deficit (£2.3 million loss). Investment again precludes a dividend.

Sterling profit

Sterling Publishing returned to profit in the year to end-March, with a pre-tax £5.3 million replacing a restated £8.1 million loss the previous year. Fully diluted earnings per share on continuing businesses rose from 1.5p to 7.8p. A proposed final ordinary dividend of 2.4p makes 3p (2.5p).

Lonrho choice

Lonrho, of which Tiny Rowland and Dieter Bock are joint chief executives, once again has two stockbrokers after appointment of James Capel as joint broker. Capel replaces UBS Phillips & Drew, Lonrho's joint broker until last year. Société Générale Strauss Turnbull remains lead broker.

Evans advance

Evans of Leeds, the property investor, continued to shrug off depressed conditions with a 3 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £8.79 million in the year to end-March. Net asset value dipped to 196p (201p) a share. The total dividend rises to 4.57p (4.15p) a share, with a proposed final of 3.14p (2.85p) after 11.36p earnings (10.67p).

STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Battered shares go back to the future to avoid more losses

THE financial future came to the rescue of a battered equity market and protected share prices from further losses.

Support for the future enabled the cash market to trade higher although trading remained thin. The FT-SE 100 index closed below its best, 9.6 up at 2,848.1, with Wall Street not offering much incentive after Independence Day.

The limited support witnessed by brokers was aimed at second- and third-line issues. They say the top 200 companies are starting to look fully valued for the time being.

LWT, the London weekend television broadcaster, firmed 1p to 483p as Granada added to its stake. It has picked up a further 5 per cent of LWT preference shares, increasing its stake to just under 20 per cent, the maximum permitted under current rules. This latest purchase cost Granada £22.7 million, bringing the total spent in the past week to £90.6 million.

United Biscuits, the McVitie and Crawford's food group, fell 6p to 378p on profit downgradings. The group this week embarked on a series of meetings with brokers and appears to have given the impression that the recovery at Keebler in the US is some way off.

Hoare Govett started the ball rolling by cutting its profits forecast for the current year by £10 million to £205 million. Cazenove is also believed to have reduced its forecast.

Another company that has been seeing brokers this week is **Hillsdown Holdings**, unchanged at 144p. Analysts have begun trimming estimates on average by about £5 million to £170 million.

Blue Circle rose 4p to 247p as Hoare Govett increased its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year from £135 million to £142 million. NatWest Securities is also recommending the shares.

MFI Furniture firmed 1½p to 131½p although some brokers are reckoned to be turning bearish ahead of next week's trading news.

First-time dealings in Celsis, the biotechnology group, proved disappointing, the price opening at 117p compared with the placing price of 100p. It settled to end at 101p.

Trading also resumed in shares of MMI, the marketing group, which ended 4½p higher at 30½p. The shares had been suspended pending news of two acquisitions, a placing and open offer.

News of a 9 per cent rise in car sales last month provided support for motor distributors with rises for **Appleyard**, 2p to 131p, **T Cowie**, 1p to 249p, **Evans Halshaw**, 2p to 326p, **Lex Service**, 7p to 386p, and **Lookers**, 3p to 143p.

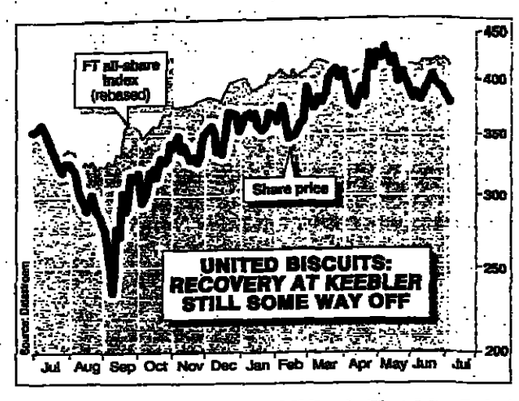
Greycoat, the troubled property developer, fell 2½p to 17p after details of the proposed £120 million rescue package that will give Postel a controlling stake.

There was heavy options activity in Glaxo, enabling the price to jump 14½p to 561½p. By close of business, 500 contracts had been completed in the September series and 1,000 in the December, equivalent to 1.5 million shares. Zantac, Glaxo's anti-ulcer drug, comes off patent soon in the US.

Midlands Electricity climbed 8p to 491p, cheered by a near 16 per cent increase in the dividend and pre-tax profits up from £142.1 million to £167.1 million. Investors continued to chase the rest of the electricity companies higher, impressed by the size of this season's dividend payments. There were gains for Eastern, 5p to 494p, East Midland, 2p to 470p, London, 6p to 478p, Manweb, 3p to 540p, Northern, 3p to 533p, Norweb, 5p to 511p, Seeboard, 4p to 506p, Southern, 4p to 498p, South Wales, 4p to 554p, South West, 2p to 496p, and Yorkshire, 7p to 532p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** prices were marked sharply higher first thing, on the back of firmer European bond markets, although investment demand later petered out. On the futures market, the September series of the long gilt added 10 ticks to £107¾, with 22,000 contracts completed. In the cash market, remaining supplies of Treasury 2008 D were exhausted. At the longer end, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose £5/16 to £109⅜, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 added £¼ to £111⅛.

MICHAEL CLARK



Howden edges ahead after acquisitions

BY CARL MORTISHED

HOWDEN, the engineer, paid out £55 million to buy industrial fan companies last year, including costs of £15 million from the reorganisation of its air and gas handling equipment divisions. Those contributed 52 per cent of the group's £335 million turnover last year.

Profits for the year to April 3 were £18.5 million (£18.1 million). That followed a final provision of £2.5 million after the settlement of its dispute with MT Group over the supply of tunneling machines.

James Howden, the construction and mining equipment business, is back in the black, while work on gas flue desulphurisation projects for the Drax and Ratcliffe power stations in Britain boosted the Air and Gas division. Orders from the Challenger tank programme helped the defence business.

The Buffalo Forge fan manufacturing plant is to be shut down in October, with production transferred to Ontario and Springfield, Illinois. The UK activities of Novenco, the Danish business bought in February, are to be transferred to plants in Belfast and Glasgow. Order intake during the period was £266 million (£278 million) and the dividend is to be increased by 10 per cent to 2.2p for the year.

Eurotherm unveils record first half

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

EUROTHERM, the controls systems and process automation group, made strong progress on all financial fronts in the six months to end-April and is raising its interim dividend by 16.7 per cent to 3.5p a share.

Pre-tax profits were a record first-half £9.19 million (£6.71 million) on sales of £81 million (£78.1 million). Gearing has been further clipped to 2.9 per cent, and in recent months Eurotherm has generated net interest income, rather than paid it.

Dr Jack Leonard, chairman, says the benefits of the group's rationalisation measures are becoming evident. Provided there is no marked deterioration in the international trading situation, Eurotherm expects its progress to continue for the remainder of the financial year.

It says: "Overall, sales have held up in a patchy world economy with few countries showing any strong sign of recovery."

Orders are well up in America and better in some activities in Britain, though down in Germany, reflecting the faltering economy there.

The group said it will be launching new products this year and has production capacity to deal with that.

The shares rose 3p to 591p.

	Jul 6 midday	Jul 2 close
AMP Inc	60½	61¼
AMR Corp	61½	63¾
Abbott Labs	24½	25¾
Aetna Life	54½	56½
Ahmanson (H&F)	18	18
Air Prod & Chem	39¾	40¾
Albertson's	52½	53¾
Alcan Aluminm	19¾	19¾
Alco Standard	48¾	49
Allied Signal	65½	65½
Alum Co of Am	71¾	71¼
Amax	27½	26
Amerada Hess	48¾	48¾
Amer Brands	33¾	33¾
Amer Cyanamid	51¼	51¾
Amer El Power	33¾	33¾
Amer Express	30¾	31
Amer Genl Corp	31¾	31
Amer Home Pr	63½	63¾
Amer Intl	132½	131
Amer Stores	46	45¾
Amer T & T	62½	62¾
Ameritech	74¾	75¼
Amoco	54¾	54¾
Anheuser-Busch	47¾	47¾
Apple Computer	38¾	38½
Archer Daniels	20¾	21
Arco	9¾	9¾
Armco	7¾	7¾
Armstrng Wrld	31¾	31¾
Asarco	19¾	19¾
Ashland Oil	25¾	25½
Atl Richfield	114¾	113¾
Aum Data Pro	48¾	48¾
Avery Dennison	28¾	28¼
Avon Products	56¾	57
Baker Hughes	25¾	25
Bakrs (Sn & st	25¾	25¾
Banc One	39½	39¾
BankAmerica	45¾	44¾
Bank of NY	60	59½
Bankers Tr NY	74¾	73¾
Barnett Banks	47¾	47¾
Barnch & Lomb	49	48
Baxter Intl	27¾	27¾
Beam (Hiram	39¾	39
Bell Atlantic	57¾	57¾
BellSouth	55	54¾
Black & Decker	21¾	22
Block (HRB)	35½	35¾
Boeing	37	36¾
Boise Cascade	22¾	23
Borden Inc	18¾	18¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	98¾	96¾
Browning Ferris	26	26¼
Burlington Nthn	53¾	53¾
CBS	228½	233½
CNA Financial	92¾	92¾
CPC Intl	60¾	60¾
CSX	70¾	71
Campbell Soup	38¾	38¾
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾
Cpbl Cities ABC	513	517½
Cpbl Holdings	39	38¾
Caroline Pwr	33¾	33¾
Caterpillar	73¾	73¾
Central & SW	32¾	32¾
Champion Intl	33¾	34¼
Chase Manhtn	33	33¾
Chemical Bk	40¾	39¾
Chevron Corp	63	63¾
Chrysler	46¾	45¾
Chubb Corp	39¾	39¾
Cigna Corp	59¾	59¾
Cincnp	30¾	30¾
Cinrnt	51½	51¾
Coastal Corp	35¾	35¾
Coca Cola	42¾	42¾
Colgate-Palmolive	56¾	57¼
Columbia Gas	24¾	24¾
Comairco Inl	27¾	27¾
Compaq Comp	46	46¾
Comp Ass Int	29	29¾
Comptr Sc	34¾	34¾
Conr Edison	25¾	25¾
Conso Nat Gas	32	32
Cons Natl	53¾	53¾
Cooper Inds	30¾	30¾
Corning Inc	33¾	33¾
Crown Cork	39¾	37¾
Dana Corp	53¾	52¾
Dayton Hudson	64¾	65¾
Deere	65¾	66¾
Delta Air Lines	48¾	48¾
Deluxe Corp	38¾	37¾
Detroit Edison	34¾	34¾
Digital Equip	40¾	40¾
Dillard Dept St	36¾	35¾
Disney (Wlt)	40¾	40¾
Dominion Res	44¾	44¾
Donelley (RR)	28¾	28
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	56¾	56¾
Dow Jones	28¾	28
Dresser	23¾	23¾
Duke Power	40	40
Dun & Bradstreet	58¾	59¾
Du Pont	47¾	47¾
Eastman Kodak	50¾	50¾
Eaton Corp	44	44¾
Emerson Elec	58¾	58¾
Engelhard Corp	19¾	19¾
Enron Corp	65¾	65¾
Entergy Corp	36¾	36¾
Ethyl Corp	19¾	19¾
Exxon	64¾	64¾
FMC Corp	45	44¾
FPL Group	38¾	38
Federal Express	47¾	47¾
Fed Nat Mtge	82¾	82
First Chicago	41½	41¼
First Interstate	63¾	62¾
First Union Rlty	10	10¼
First Fnl Grp	34	33¾
Fluor Corp	42	41¾
Ford Motor	49¾	49¾
GTE Corp	36	36¼
Gannett	49¾	49¾
Gaps Inc Del	29	28¾
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¾
Gen Dynamics	95¾	95¾
Gen Electric	95¾	95¾
Gen Mills	67¾	67¾
Gen Motors	44¾	43¾
Gen Reinsurance	117¾	116¾
Gen Signal	65¾	65¾
Genuine Parts	35¾	35¾
Georgia Pac	60	60¼
Gillette	54¾	55¾
Glaxo ADR	16¾	16¾
Goodrich (BF)	42¾	42¾
Goodyear Tire	41¾	40¾
Grace (Wrhg)	40¾	40¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	31¾	31¾
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	16¾
Halliburton	36¾	36¾
Hanna (M A)	36¾	36¾
Harsco Corp	42¾	42
Hasbro Inc	79¾	79¾
Hershey Foods	46	46¾
Hewlett Packard	78¾	80¾
Hilton Hotels	47¾	46¾
Home Depot	45¾	45¾
Honeywell Mtg	43¾	43¾
Honeywell	37¾	37¾
Household Intl	70¾	70¾
Houston Inds	43¾	43¾
Howtn Oil	11¾	11¾
ITT Corp	85	85¾
Illinois Tool	37	37¼
INCO	23¾	23¾
Ingersoll Rand	33¾	33¾
Inland Steel	28¾	28¾
Intel Corp	54¾	53¾
Intst	47¾	48¾
Intl Flav & Fr	114¾	114¾
Intl Paper	64¾	64½
James River Va	20	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	59¾	59¾
K Mart	20¾	20¾
Kellogg	52¾	52¾
Kerr-McGee	48¾	48¾
Kimberly-Clark	48¾	48¾
Knight-Ridder	51	51
LILY (Eli)	46¾	47¾
Limited Inc	20¾	21¼
LTN Indstrng	102	101¾
Lincoln Nat	37¾	38¾
Litton	64¾	63¾
Lk Chlborne	33¾	33¾
Lockheed Corp	65¾	65¾
Louisiana Pac	31½	32
MCI Commun	56¾	56¾
Marriott	25¾	25¾
Marsh & McLnn	69¾	69¾
Masco Corp	29¾	29¾
May Dept St	37¾	37¾
Maytag Corp	15¾	15¾
McDnl Douglas	49¾	48
McDonalds	69	69¾
McDonnell D	72¾	72¾
McGraw Hill	59¾	59¾
Mead Corp	43¾	44
Medtronic	65¾	65¾
Mellon Bk	36¾	36¾
Melville Corp	45¾	45¾
Merck Inc	38¾	38¾
Merrill Lynch	31¾	31¾
Minnesota Mine	107¾	107¾
Mobil Corp	72¾	72¾
Monsanto	39¾	39¾
Morgan (JP)	69¾	69¾
Motorola, Inc.	86¾	87¾
Nal Medical	10¾	10¾
Nal Semi	16¾	16
Natl Service Ind	25	25¾
Navistar Int	28¾	28¾
NEC Basscorp	32¾	32¾
NY Times A	24¾	24¾
Newmont Ming	57¾	57¾
Nlag Mohawk	24	23¾
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NL Industries	4¾	4
Nordstrom	29¾	26¾
Norfolk Sthrn	64¾	64¾
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	45¾
Norwest Corp	28¾	28¾
Nynex Corp	90¾	90¾
Occidental Pet	22¾	22¾
Ohio Edison	20¾	20¾
Oracle Systems	50¾	50
Orytr Energy Co	19¾	19¾
Owens Corning	41¾	41¾
PNC Financial	32¾	33¾
PPG Industries	67¾	67¾
Pacear Inc	61¾	60¾
PacifiCorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	24¾	24
Pac Gas & Elect	33¾	33¾
Pac Telesis	49	48¾
Pall Corp	17	17¾
Panhandle East	24¾	24¾
Paramnt Comm	55¾	56
Parker Hannifin	32¾	32¾
Penney (JC)	42¾	43¾
Pennzoil	62	62¾
Pepsico	36¾	36¾
Pfizer	63¾	63¾
Phelps Dodge	45¾	46
Philadel Elec	25¾	25¾
Philip Morris	48¾	48
Phillips Pet	28¾	28¾
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	38¾	38¾
Price Co	33¾	33¾
Primerica	30¾	30¾
Procter & Gmbl	51¾	51¾
Pub Serv E & G	34¾	34¾
Quaker Oats	74¾	75½
Ralmon Purina	46	46
Raytheon Corp	38¾	39¾
Raytheon	61¾	61¾
Reebok Intl	27¾	28¾
Reynolds Metals	49¾	48¾
Rjdnlwy Svcs	59¾	59¾
Rockwell Intl	32¾	33¾
Rohm & Haas	52¾	53¾
Royal Dutch	42¾	42
Rubbermaid	28¾	28¾
Safeco Corp	60	59¾
St Paul's Cos	82¾	80¾
Salomon Inc	38¾	38¾
Santa Fe S Pac	18	17¾
Sara Lee Corp	34¾	34¾
Schlmbrgr	92	91
Schering Plough	67¾	67¾
Schlumberger	62¾	62¾
Scott Paper	33¾	33¾
Seagram	36¾	36¾
Sears Roebuck	54¾	54¾
Shell Trans	56¾	56
Sherwin Wllms	31¾	31¾
Skyline Corp	16¾	16¾
Smap-On-Tools	35¾	35¾
Southern Co	23¾	23¾
Stwestern Bell	59¾	59¾
Sprint Corp	34¾	34
Stanley Works	39¾	40
Stn Company	34¾	34¾
Sunstrnd	46¾	46¾
Supervalu	32¾	32¾
Symes Corp	18	18¾
Synco Corp	39¾	39¾
TRW Inc	62¾	62¾
Tandem Comp	10¾	11¾
Tandy Corp	39¾	39¾
Tchnicolor Corp	4	3¾
Teledyne	20¾	21
Temple Inland	44¾	44¾
Tenneco	49¾	49¾
Texaco	63¾	63¾
Texas Gas Trans	69¾	69¾
Texas Utilities	46¾	46
Textron	55¾	56¾
Time Warner	38¾	38¾
Timkenrstrr	29	29
Timken	33¾	33¾
Torchmark	51¾	52¾
Toys R Us	35¾	36¾
Transamerica	53¾	53¾
Travelers Corp	30¾	30¾
Tribune	53¾	53
Tyco Labs	40¾	40¾
UAL Corp	125½	126
UST Inc	25¾	25¾
USX Marathon	16¾	16¾
Unilever NV	105¾	105¾
Union Camp	48¾	48¾
Union Carbide	19¾	19¾
Union Pacific	60¾	60¾
Unisys Corp	12¾	12
USAIR Group	16¾	16¾
USFING Corp	18¾	18¾
US Life	40¾	40¾
US West	46¾	46¾
United Tech	52¾	52¾
Upjohn Corp	39¾	39¾
Upjohn	39¾	39¾
VF Corp	65¾	66¾
WMX Tech	31¾	32¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	109¾	109¾
Wells Fargo	109¾	108¾
Westinghouse El	15	15¾
Weyerhaeuser	45¾	45¾
Whirlpool	59¾	59¾
Whittman	14¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	55¾	59¾
Woolworth	28¾	29¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	53	52¾
Xerox	76¾	77¾

Political fears inhibit Nikkei

Tokyo — Japanese shares ended higher in thin volume, with the Nikkei closing up 206.72, or 1.05 per cent, at 19,829.78. A handful of investors bought on growing expectations of a central bank discount rate cut, but activity was still limited by uncertainty over the nation's political future, brokers said.

Yasuo Ueki, of Nikko Securities, said that prices would not move far from the present range until investors saw the outcome of the July 18 parliamentary election.

One analyst said that doubts over politics had been deepened by last week's bribery scandal involving major construction firms. If the government decision to bar four firms from bidding in public works projects meant that projects planned in the April economic package are not carried out, the economy might not recover by October, the analyst said.

☐ **New York** — Blue-chip shares held firm in a tight range in slow midday activity as investors stepped aside ahead of a rush of quarterly earnings reports. The Dow Jones industrial average was at 3,486.46, up 2.49.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax closed up 8.7, at 1,700.87, at the top of the day's range. One trader said that a few bank sector buys near the close nudged the index up. Trading in general was subdued. The firmer dollar and bond market lent some support to shares, but the market was waiting for new incentives, news from G7, and the next bout of rate cut speculation.

☐ **Singapore** — Share prices closed easier after fluctuating in thin volume. The Straits Times index closed at 1,818.97, down 6.95. Brokers said that they expected no major price changes in the short term.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares retreated in listless trade, with local investors shying away, leaving prices to drift. The all-ordinaries index closed 1.7 down, at 1,764.2. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		
Serco Group	973p	(+30p)
Takeda Chem	783p	(+21p)
Wellcome	658p	(+13p)
Haynes Pub	378p	(+13p)
Lex Service	386p	(+7p)
Westland	221p	(+7p)
Br Land	328p	(+7p)
Land Sec	585p	(+9p)
A Lee	180*ap	(+9*ap)
Cercio Eng	236p	(+12p)
Serna Group	359p	(+22p)
MEPC	402p	(+8p)
BT	426p	(+8p)
BICC	400p	(+8p)
Betterware	278p	(+16p)
FALLS:		
McKay Secs	115p	(-7p)
Bass	465p	(-7p)
Courtaulds	542p	(-6p)
Kode	184p	(-9p)
S&U	285p	(-7p)
Everest	102p	(-12p)
Utd Biscuits	377p	(-7p)

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Baring Emrg Mtks ($10)	679	...
Business Post (120)	132	-1
Carpetright (148)	165	...
Celsis Intl (100)	101	...
Crabtree (150)	214	...
Creston Warrants	12	...
Davro International (170)	196	+1
Enviromed (110)	116	...
Eurotunnel Wts 1993	15½	+3
Fine Decor (210)	258	...
First Spanish Wts 1997	11	...
Inveresk (150)	170	...
Ivory & Sime ISIS (100)	99½	...
Metrotect Inds (108)	130	...
Nrthrn Ireland Elec (100)	138	+4½
Phonelink (155)	227	...
Quayle Munro (118)	131	...
RJB Mining (250)	228	...
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH on 19 July 1993 at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 49 of the said Act.
A creditor is entitled to vote at this meeting only if:-
a) he has forwarded to the Joint Administrative Receivers, Phillip Rodney Sykes and Peter William Crozier Dullisson of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the above company, and the claim has been duly admitted for the purpose of entitlement to vote, and
b) there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
P R Sykes
Joint Administrative Receiver

NO 005081 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
In the Matter of
ISA INTERNATIONAL plc
and In the Matter of
the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 7th June 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 21st day of July 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of any order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 7th day of July 1993
Travers Smith Braithwaite
10 Snow Hill
London EC1A 2AL
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

No. 005430 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF OWEN & ROBINSON Plc
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 17th day of June 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above named Company by £9,155,795.24, the reduction of the capital redemption reserve of the above-named Company by £500,000 and the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £5,502,580.76.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of July, 1993.
ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of the Order for the confirmation of the said reductions of share capital, capital redemption reserve and share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 22nd day of June 1993.
T R Harris, Joint Liquidator

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO SEND CLAIMS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PLOWRIGHT (WEST) LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 22nd day of September 1993 to send in writing their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to T R Harris of Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY the joint liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 22nd day of June 1993.
T R Harris, Joint Liquidator

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up
(Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1478579.
Name of company: Reflex Electrical (West) Limited. Nature of business: Electrical Contractor. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 80 South Audley Street, London W1Y 5TA. Liquidators names and addresses: Ian Douglas Barker Bond & Timothy Richard Harris St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY. Gareth Howard Hughes Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU. Office holder numbers: 1289, 2129 and 6529. Date of appointment: 3 June 1993. By whom appointed: The Creditors. Date: 23.6.93.
G H Hughes, Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up
(Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2111127.
Name of company: Reflex Electrical (City) Limited. Nature of business: Electrical Contractor. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 80 South Audley Street, London W1Y 5TA. Liquidators names and addresses: Ian Douglas Barker Bond & Timothy Richard Harris St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY. Gareth Howard Hughes Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU. Office holder numbers: 1289, 2129 and 6529. Date of appointment: 3 June 1993. By whom appointed: The Creditors. Date: 23.6.93.
G H Hughes, Liquidator.

Notice of Intended Dividend
INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 11.2(A)
In the High Court
No. 6316 of 1989
In the matter of
MANZOOR HUSSAIN
I Martyn Laurence Rose of Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BS, Trustee of Manzoor Hussain, hereby give notice that it is intended to declare a dividend in the above matter. Any Creditor who wishes to be included in the dividend is required to furnish details of their claim to the Trustee in writing within 21 day of the date hereof, or be excluded from the dividend.
DATED this 1 day of July 1993
Melvyn L. Rose. Trustee.

THE EXPRESS GROUP
(UK) LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 2624969.
Former company name: Serveiake Limited. Trading name: Express Group (U.K.) Limited. Nature of business: Wholesale International Couriers. Trade classification: 7091 Date of appointment of Administrative receivers: 30 June 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Royal Bank of Scotland. Administrative Receivers: G.M. Jones. L.I.B. ACA. MICM. MSPI P.B. Harrington B.Com. ACA. (office holder nos: 1057 and 781) of Morison Stoneham 605 Salisbury House 31 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 5SQ.

The Insolvency Act 1986
THE CUB LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that G.C.A. Morphitis of Cape & Dalgleish, of 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4LH, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 1st July 1993.
Dated this 1st day of July 1993
G C A Morphitis, Liquidator.

Zoo (UK) Limited
Registered Number: 2295641.
Former company name: Zoo (UK) Limited. Nature of business: Ladies Fashion Retailers. Trade classification: 22. Date of appointment of Administrative Receiver: 23rd June 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver: Jeffrey Rogers Plc. Name of Appointee: Ian Frames. Administrative Receiver (office holder no: 2254) of Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Lord Walker's Welsh methods offer miners new jobs for old

Ross Tieman reports on the government's well-funded, well-planned measures aimed at regenerating areas devastated by pit closures



Breathing space: Lord Walker has made use of delay in pit closures

Anger over pit closures remains deep, both in the coalfields and at Westminster. The government's coal review has yet to save a single job, almost nine months after ministers backed British Coal plans to close 30 pits last October, throwing 30,000 miners out of work.

Contemptuous of corporation and ministers alike, many employees have not waited for their cards. Turning their backs on the industry that they believe has betrayed them, 18,887 miners and 1,681 white-collar staff have lined their pockets with British Coal's redundancy cash and walked out of the colliery gate. With any luck, they may yet have cause to think coal's contraction is a blessing in disguise.

These are still early days. But the sky has not fallen in. Rather, the delay in effecting the closures has combined with an unprecedented effort to co-ordinate rejuvenation measures and long overdue signs of an upturn in the national economy to suggest the gloom may have been overdone.

Lord Walker, appointed by the government to oversee restoration of local economies blighted by pit closures, is too astute a politician to voice the opinion that coal closures are a good thing. But asked whether it might be, he recalls the experience of his much-praised years as secretary of state for Wales, where coal mining has left its legacy of ill-health and spoil heaps to mar the quality of life.

Critics in the Commons and the country charge that the government did nothing in its coal review to enlarge the market for coal. Power generating companies remain overstocked, their needs declining as new gas-burning plants come on stream. British Coal's unwanted pits are now being offered to outsiders to lease and work under licence. But the private mining groups doing their sums over the prospectus documents have made it clear they will need only a few hundred men to run any pit where they restart production.

The blow to many local economies will be great. In Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, one of the worst hit areas, local studies have suggested unemployment could approach 18 per cent.

Colliery closures are nothing new. Mines have been closing at a rate of 10 to 15 a year for decades. It was the scale and immediacy of the closures, the fact that they were to have taken place overnight, which produced a public outcry and which forced the government to pay such careful attention to rejuvenation measures. There is little new in the measures themselves. In June, Tim Sainsbury, the industry minister, detailed for the first time just how the government proposes to spend most of the £200 million which it has pledged for the regeneration effort.

There are to be three new enterprise zones, offering ten-year tax breaks and streamlined planning controls. English Estates, the government's own property developer, will develop a string of new industrial estates. Many colliery closure areas will be given assisted area status, giving companies setting up access to government grants. And there will be substantial extra funding for the Training and Enterprise Councils to develop local rejuvenation plans and to undertake any necessary re-training. British Coal Enterprise, the Corporation's job creation arm, will also try to place former miners in work.

In physical terms, these are exactly the sort of measures that have conspicuously failed to bring about real regeneration in areas previously hit by the closure of traditional industries. Witness the continued problems of the North East, Manchester and Merseyside. This time, however, there is a new element. It is the degree of planning and co-ordination which is novel. In Scotland and Wales, where a single government department embraces responsibility for measures affecting employment and economic health, a clear strategy, targetting inward investment and job creation, has proved its mettle.

The economies of Scotland and Wales, as Lord Walker points out with some pride, have survived the latest recession in rather better health than those in many other regions. The replacement of older, basic industries, such as coal and steel, with lighter, high-tech industries, such as electronics, has given them a toe-hold in growth-oriented areas that often continue to thrive even in recession.

Moreover, the delay in implementing closures has proved a blessing for those charged with tackling the closure legacy. According to Lord Walker, it has provided time for proper planning. In the past nine months, a plan has been drawn up for the regeneration of every area around a pit on British Coal's closure list, and funds have been allocated to the work.

Much of the nuts-and-bolts planning has been done by Tecs, the government-funded but business-led bodies set up throughout the country to help create workforce skills appropriate to the needs of the local economy. Coal closures are the Tecs' big test. Their role is likely to grow as job-creation gets under way, because they have the ability to retrain miners for different work.

The government funds are now pledged to specific projects, developed by Tecs in collaboration with local authorities. In Yorkshire and Humberside, for example, English Estates has been allocated an additional £24 million to develop new factories. In Barnsley, the developer is planning to build 192,000 sq ft of additional factory and workshop space. In Doncaster, the plan foresees 110,000 sq ft of construction. Local Tecs have been allocated £15.3 million. Some £275,000 is to be spent on local regeneration projects and an enterprise zone is proposed for the Dearne Valley.

As each additional pit closure is confirmed, so a regeneration plan is unveiled. "When the closure of Markham colliery was announced last week, there was already a plan," Lord Walker says. "Within three days, one was able to announce an allocation of £3.6 million to the local Tec for the plans they had."

Yet the miners losing their jobs today have less need for help than their forebears, who were left to fend for themselves. They have a generous voluntary redundancy scheme. They also get help from British Coal Enterprise. During the past 12 months, BC Enterprise claims to have resettled 7,660 former corporation employees into either new employment or employment-oriented training. More than 100 counsellors spend their time contacting potential employers and persuading them of the benefits of recruiting former miners.

Despite the recession, their task has never been so easy. During previous capacity cuts, British Coal concentrated on encouraging older miners to leave the industry. As a result, many of those leaving today are in their twenties or thirties.

"The workforce from the mines is an incredibly good workforce," Lord Walker says. "Many of them have electrical or engineering skills. They are highly disciplined and trained and they work extremely hard."

They also have the benefit of mobility. In the past, mining closures have often blighted single-industry villages in rural areas where there is little alternative employment. But in the past 10-15 years miners have become prosperous car owners.

Many have bought new homes outside the pit villages and are accustomed, as well as able, to commute to work. Some suggest that the villages themselves, relieved of their haze of coal dust, will become pleasant dormitory settlements.

It would be foolish to paint the outlook too rosy. Of the 130,000 miners who have left the industry since 1984, British Coal Enterprise has been able to find work for only 80,000.

And as for coal, so too for steel, defence manufacturing, Royal dockyards and textiles ... the devastation of areas by industrial closure is not a new phenomenon. Will the ability of the miners to make themselves heard, combined with a wave of public sympathy, perhaps lead to a diversion to mining areas of state aid which is more urgently needed elsewhere?

Lord Walker insists not. The areas receiving most aid, he says, are often those which in any case need help to renew and diversify their economies. The vacancies will not be reserved for miners. But if that is so, why are the miners being treated as a special case? Extension of Welsh and Scottish lessons of job creation to England is hard to fault. But it should be extended according to need, not just to those who make the most fuss.

TEMPUS

Seven go off to Tokyo

CONSIDERING the world's most powerful leaders began talks in the early hours of this morning in Tokyo, the international stock, bond and currency markets are decidedly relaxed. The dollar strengthened slightly against the yen yesterday, but the rise could easily be attributed to position-covering before the summit rather than any hope of a trade pact between America and Japan.

Investors have taken the view that the summit is incapable of coming up with anything that will affect them. These days dealers are far more interested in the prospect of another pronouncement from George Soros than an even-handed G7 communiqué.

In honesty, there is little the G7 can produce that would move the markets. The days are gone, if they ever existed, when the summit could produce an effective exchange rate policy since its members are now engaged in bouts of competitive devaluation.

A concrete advance in trade negotiations might boost equity markets, but it will need to be more than simply a commitment to further talks. The summit will inevitably call for lower interest rates, although the Bundesbank has stolen its thunder with last week's base rate cut. A half-point cut in Japan's discount rate may follow the summit, but any easing would have more to do with the country's political turmoil. Otherwise all the leaders round the table know too well about the problems they face, including low growth, high unemployment and insupportable budget deficits. But these are battles they will each have to fight alone. Friday's communiqué is unlikely to delay dealers and investors from enjoying a long, sunny weekend.

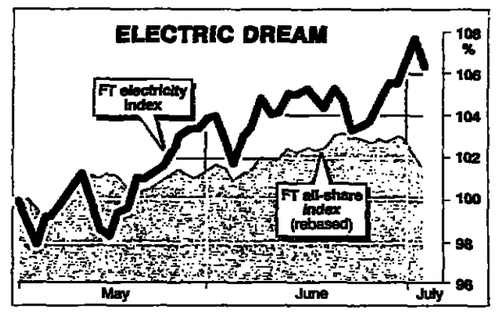
Electricity

MIDLANDS Electricity brought the eight-week electricity reporting season to a close, a season dominated by exuberant dividend increases. Electricity shares have naturally risen sharply on the back of dividend growth of up to 18 per cent and the sector has outperformed the market by 5 per cent since the start of May.

The rise in shares has been modest, though, considering that dividends have been rising more than ten times faster than inflation. The market is cautious, since the dividend growth is the last good news the sector is likely to have for some time.

Offer, the industry regulator, is announcing the new price control formula for the supply business this Friday, and it is likely to be tough. The RECs have demonstrated too much financial strength to hope for anything else. Offer could well choose a formula as tight as RPI minus 4 percentage points, 4 points lower than the current regime, which would partly offset the imposition of VAT on domestic fuel bills.

While this formula will not hit profits too hard, since most profits come from distribution not supply, it is likely to reawaken investor worries on regulation. They will be heightened in the run-up to the monopolies commission report on gas this summer, and Offer's vital pronouncement on distribution pricing next year. With the clouds gathering, electricity shares will do well to hang on to recent gains.



Greycoat

WITHOUT sight of a balance sheet, Greycoat's shareholders will be hard-pressed to make head or tail of the proposals from Postel for the restructuring of their company. Yesterday's announcement suggests that Greycoat's net assets have collapsed from £226 million to £80 million during the last year. But, following the restructuring, the net asset value per share depends more on the equity injection underwritten by Postel than the company's existing balance sheet.

Some analysts are currently working on a net worth of 18p per share post the restructuring, which makes a rights price of 12.5p look cheap but much depends on the value of Greycoat's properties. Debts of more than £270 million mean a slight shift in values could virtually eliminate the discount between the rights price and the net asset value.

Postel is exhibiting an entrepreneurial streak that one does not normally associate with pension funds. Its choice of the troubled Greycoat also shows it is willing to assume a high public profile, unlike its peers. By backing Greycoat, the pension fund gains a significant interest in overrented but prime London office properties. In the short term, they will show limited growth prospects but in longer term, they could prove very attractive and in very short supply.

Sears

SEARS' decision to sell its stake in Asprey and close the Dutch mail order operations may not revolutionise the group's finances, but they demonstrate Liam Strong's determination to focus solely on businesses where Sears holds or can achieve market leadership.

A minority stake in an upmarket jewellery operator is far adrift from Sears concentration on mass-market retailing. The £8.6 million profit contribution last year was welcome, but Mr Strong is right not to be deflected. Moreover, the sale netted the group a £7 million pre-tax profit.

The financial logic was even more compelling for the closure of ter Meulen Post. Closure costs of £5.5 million, which include £1.8 million of operating losses to the end of June, are more than justified for a business which lost £6.9 million last year. Sears' resources are better employed sharpening the performance of Freemans.

Car sales

THE recovery in car sales is still so impressive that the stock market has difficulty viewing it in proportion. The 11 per cent year-on-year rise in June registrations added 2 per cent to the already-high share prices of component manufacturers such as Lucas and GKN. The later announcement that EC car registrations fell by 19 per cent during the same period failed to dampen the excitement even though all the main manufacturers have far more to lose in the continent's recession than they can gain from domestic recovery.

The problem for the institutions is that the motor distributors, the real beneficiaries of the recovery, are too small to deal in any size. Their combined capitalisation is smaller than a single component maker. So fund managers who want to chase the recovery are using the component sector as an unsuitable surrogate.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Holgate dynasty

CONFUSION now reigns in the corridors of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales after the discovery that there are two Peter Holgates in its ranks. Peter Holgate number one, a Coopers & Lybrand technical partner, was a former secretary of the Accounting Standards Committee and is now a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales financial reporting council and research board. Peter Holgate number two, of Kingston Smith, the accountancy firm, was meanwhile elected to the institute council last year. "We obviously share a name which commands immediate respect," says Coopers' Peter Holgate. Newly elected council members are usually appointed to one of two institute committees, so what better to disturb a few neatly ordered lives than to appoint Kingston Smith's Holgate to the financial reporting council, where the two men met on Monday for the first time. "Someone at the institute obviously has a sense of humour after all," claims Kingston Smith's Peter Holgate. Even the strictly alphabetised seating plan at the meeting had to be abandoned by the chairman to avoid confusion between the two. A buffer with the initial D was seated between the two Holgates. But even that did not stop the two from striking up a friendly banter: they discovered they were both Yorkshiremen.



Sir George: problem

Shocking bricks

TECHNICAL staff at Marley have come up with the ultimate in recycling. But Sir George Russell, chairman of the building materials group, managed to put a few brokers off their gin and tonics when he passed around a new Marley brick. The small brown block was soon identified as fly ash and, er, human waste. Sir George, better-known for his fearless defence of News At Ten as the no-nonsense chairman of the Independent Television Commission, later explained that the product was unlikely to go into production. Marketing would be too much of a challenge, he told the brokers.

Collins' coup

THE founders of Collins Stewart & Co, the broker, which was set up only two years ago, finally got a well-earned chance to gloat yesterday with the placing of £40.9 million shares in Asprey, the blue-blooded luxury goods retailer. It was the largest preference share placing handled by a single broker so far this year, and the two-year-old firm was beside itself that a company established in 1781 with a sixth-generation chairman still in situ should prefer to sidestep the larger and more established City firms in its favour. "It really is a feather in our cap," boasts founding director Lee Collins. "We started in a modest way with Bristol Water last year and now we're making waves."

Bets off

GÉRARD Cole, François Mitterrand's former campaign manager and now chief executive of state-controlled gambling company La Française des Jeux, is at the centre of an audit investigation. Apparently the auditors have refused to ratify the 1992 accounts. All aspects of operation are under scrutiny, but a full-scale legal investigation has not been ruled out. Ironically the company is one of 21 that the French government wishes to privatise. Valued at Fr14.3 billion, its turnover has increased by 40 per cent to Fr30 billion in the last 18 months. Cole said last January that "instant gambling has a projected French market of Fr100 billion leaving plenty of room for expansion". Clouds hanging over the audit enquiry may have jeopardised Cole's room for manouvering and likewise put off the government's plans to privatise the company.

In safe hands

IF RANDOM samples of City handwriting are anything to go by, investors may rest assured that their life savings are being well looked after, at least according to "a leading graphologist" employed to monitor bankers' and brokers' writing habits by Futures Pager, a supplier of portable financial information. Gloria Moss, the graphologist, found all Cityfolk to be high-energy ("strong pressure on the page"), ambitious and forward-looking ("high and long T-bars") and ingenious ("quick connections between letters"). Those who felt inclined to dash out a few handwritten words also revealed a capacity for working under extreme stress. Asked to write three columns of figures on a sheet of A4 in just 30 seconds, only one finance man cracked under the pressure, apparently by spreading his columns across the entire page. But Moss still saw little cause for alarm: excess stress makes City workers more "cautious".

WILL the unexpectedly trouble-free early days of the new City road blocks lead to a reversal of meaning of a traditional Irish phrase? "The welcome of O'Kelly" has always meant an especially warm-hearted reception. But it is not so far fetched to imagine that the guns and scanners introduced by City of London police commissioner Owen Kelly will now result in a subtle change of meaning.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Government should consider being name in nationally important Lloyd's

From Mr Darel S. Carey

Sir, In 1987, Lloyd's of London insurance earned approximately £2.4 billion in invisible exports, thus contributing close to 22 per cent of the nation's hard currency earnings. By 1991, those contributions had dropped dramatically to only 8.6 per cent. The national importance of the continued success of Lloyd's, irrespective of the interests of individual "names" and any ideologies concerning market forces etc, is therefore clear.

However, Lloyd's has just announced losses of £2.8 billion for its last year-end accounts. The "working names", who are responsible for all aspects of running the business, to all intents and purposes virtually unsupervised by non-executive directors, have lost their "sleeping partners" who underwrite the business (the names) and who provide the working capital, close to £6 billion during the last three accounting years.

Any board of directors and its management that had presided over losses of this magnitude three years in succession would have been fired by the shareholders long ago.

Whatever the reasons, the time has come, in the interests of the country alone, for Lloyd's to change totally. However, this can realistically be achieved only if government takes an active role in the future organisation and management of Lloyd's (albeit on a short-term basis).

If the government has a distinct economic interest in Lloyd's future, which I believe to be essential in the national interest, then the government has to be very aware, if it is to intervene, of the full extent of risk to which public money is likely to be exposed.

In any other business, it is ultimately the shareholders who have the last word. The workers operate within a structure on lines laid down by management (albeit after negotiation) and the management are responsible to a board of directors, who in turn are responsible to the shareholders.

Accordingly, the government has two distinct opportunities open to it. Firstly, the current Lloyd's Act must be repealed and a new one substituted. The government would thus, temporarily, assume total ownership and control of Lloyd's (on a trustee basis). In such a situation, all "names" would enter into schemes of arrangement with the government, and would effectively put all the underwriting syndicates into temporary (but managed) suspension.

Under the terms of the schemes of arrangement, competent staff still at Lloyd's would be re-instated, after review and assessment, and continue in their normal areas of expertise, under the new charter. The "workers" — some are "working names" — would have the normal benefits of a salaried post and performance bonuses.

If such a policy were adopted, the effect would be to alter the balance of power so that, in future, the control and ownership of the business would be devolved, quite rightly, upon those who own it. The "sleeping" names — the shareholders — would assume their rightful authority as owners.

The government's role in all this would be to provide the surety necessary to maintain the business confidence across the world while such a total switch of emphasis of control and ownership took place. On completion, having overseen the "restructuring" of the business, the government would by then know the exact details of how the business worked.

It would then be in a position to consider the second option, as to whether to take an ongoing interest — as a sleeping partner — a corporate "name"!

This is not such a dramatic suggestion as it may at first appear. After all, the Lloyd's "working names" have already accepted the principle of encouraging corporate membership! Why not go the whole hog and ensure the future with the biggest and best corporate "name" of all?

Yours faithfully,
DAREL CAREY
(married to a name),
Cleave Copse,
Umberleigh, Devon.

Devaluation lacks long-term benefit

From Mr Harry Woolf

Sir, The article by Anatole Kaletsky "Let's fall in love with falling currencies" (June 30, Business section) was initially quite interesting.

But then if we all devalue over a period of a few months to more or less the same extent, although there may be a perceived advantage for the devaluer for the subsequent few weeks, how will any one country be advantaged in the medium term of a few months? Indeed, if we were all able to revalue to the same extent then the same comment would apply.

Except, of course, in the former case all the investment policies considered negative to world trade and growth, such as those made in gold and other non income-producing assets, would increase, whereas, in the latter case, a commitment to the maintenance of a strong currency would encourage the investment policies of individuals, companies and institutions towards worthwhile areas of commerce enhancing world trade and growth.

When and where has devaluation ever benefited medium-term or long-term interests of any country?

Yours truly,
HARRY WOOLF,
Flow East,
Klimentska 52,
Pfraha 1,
Czech Republic.

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Here to stay

From Mr Robin Morton

Sir, We were surprised to read in your article on Brent Walker on 1st July, 1993, that we have a competitor with a name similar to our own.

Simmons & Simmons are Brent Walker's solicitors and we have not yet found the need to change our name in 97 years.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN MORTON
Head of Personal Relations,
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60 George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry				
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UK Growth Acc	311.60	331.50	+ 0.60	2.74
-do- Inc	220.90	235.00	+ 0.60	2.74
Higher Inc Acc	573.70	610.40	+ 1.10	3.67
-do- Inc	348.90	370.80	+ 0.60	3.67
Glilt/Fxd Int Acc	178.30	188.30	+ 0.60	6.09
-do- Inc	93.46	98.71	+ 0.32	6.09
Nth America	256.00	272.40	+ 0.60	...
Far East	286.30	315.10	+ 1.30	0.16
Europe	222.60	236.90	+ 1.10	1.04
General Inc	423.05	450.10	+ 1.40	2.47
-do- Acc	464.10	493.80	+ 1.50	2.47
Brit Exempt	62.50	66.52†	+ 0.15	2.77
Brit Prudentls Inc	68.45	72.82	+ 1.15	4.73
Brit Prudentls Acc	68.23	93.87	+ 1.47	4.73
Global Opps	72.08	76.69†	+ 0.47	0.05
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN				
071 489 8613				
Bril O seas	248.10	261.20	+ 1.40	1.37
Capital Gwth	108.30	105.50	+ 1.30	2.54
Worldwide Opps	151.30	159.30	+ 1.70	0.61
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
Gresley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, Leeds LS1				
081 534 5344				
Capital	108.60	112.90	+ 0.30	2.91
Euro Gth Inc	114.00	120.90	...	1.91
Extra Inc	106.40	113.80	+ 0.20	4.92
General	240.10	256.80	+ 0.50	3.01
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.84	60.83†	+ 0.08	8.14
Income	490.00	524.10	+ 1.90	4.39
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 188, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TQ				
081 658 9002				
American Gth	93.07	98.80	+ 0.14	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	122.60	131.30	+ 0.20	...
Convertibles	52.99	56.67†	+ 0.07	7.10
Eastern	186.90	201.00	+ 0.40	1.60
Equity Income	82.97	88.36	+ 0.25	6.30
European Gth	223.60	237.70	+ 0.50	1.50
Europe	148.30	158.00†	- 0.20	1.90
Exempt	83.73	88.90	...	3.60
German Growth	57.55	61.34	+ 0.33	0.70
Global Growth	108.10	115.40	...	...
Japan Growth	198.30	212.50	+ 1.30	...
Japan Smaller	170.90	182.60	+ 1.20	...
Portfolio	119.60	127.80	+ 0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	213.10	227.80	+ 0.30	3.20
UK Growth	93.55	99.88†	+ 1.52	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.64	92.66	+ 0.28	1.50
Select Managers	63.63	68.10	+ 0.03	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
198 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041 353 3122				
Britan Gth Acc	105.42	112.75	+ 0.20	1.87
-do- Inc	95.84	102.50	+ 0.19	1.87
Global Bond	52.26	51.28†	+ 0.03	5.57
High Yield Acc	54.24	58.01	+ 0.14	3.50
-do- Inc	38.94	41.65†	+ 0.10	3.50
Smllr Cos Acc	94.38	100.95	+ 0.64	1.36
-do- Inc	86.55	92.78	+ 0.59	1.36
Asian Gth Acc	58.95	63.05	+ 0.45	...
-do- Inc	57.85	61.87	+ 0.44	...
Euro Gth Acc	101.33	108.38	- 0.06	1.07
-do- Inc	93.84	100.39†	- 0.06	1.07
Managed P folio	95.61	98.08	+ 0.34	1.29
Pacific Growth	102.19	109.30	+ 0.55	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	89.72	95.96	+ 0.03	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/11 Fenchurch Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458844				
Financial	128.20	136.60	+ 0.20	3.07
Smaller Cos Acc	204.90	326.30	+ 1.00	...
Smaller Cos Inc	177.40	189.80	+ 0.60	1.14
High Inc	71.30	76.65†	+ 0.28	6.84
Income	129.60	138.00	+ 0.30	3.99
Mngd P folio Inc	95.31	101.50	- 0.40	1.96
-do- Acc	180.10	191.80	+ 0.80	...
North American	104.30	111.10	+ 0.20	0.20
Orient	131.30	141.30	+ 1.30	...
Recovery	42.03	45.18†	- 0.02	2.47
Germany	39.35	41.90	+ 0.03	0.10
Intl Growth	33.85	36.05	- 0.02	0.22
European Inc	21.58	23.24	- 0.09	0.49
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London				
EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 6542				
Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.99	65.95	- 0.06	1.47
-do- Acc	69.87	74.34	- 0.07	1.47
Income Fund 5	213.80	227.50	+ 0.40	4.22
-do- Acc	497.60	529.40	+ 1.00	4.17
Inv Portfolio	67.17	69.61	+ 0.02	2.11
-do- Acc	75.85	78.61	+ 0.03	2.09
Smaller Cos	129.90	138.20†	+ 0.10	1.53
-do- Acc	157.20	167.30†	+ 0.20	1.53
High Inc P folio	60.55	62.75	+ 0.14	4.65
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
177 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL				
071 480 7236				
Stat Gilt Fxd Int	66.89	67.80	+ 0.08	5.73
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 185, Manchester M60 0AH				
061 837 5060				
Environ	133.90	142.50†	...	1.73
UK Growth	147.60	156.40	+ 0.10	2.12
UK Income	123.60	131.50	+ 0.50	4.19
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081 902 8876				
SE Asia	85.95	91.97	- 0.25	0.88
Growth	43.66	46.45†	+ 0.17	2.88
Income	53.37	57.08†	+ 0.26	4.21
Far East	47.97	51.30	+ 0.34	...
North American	86.50	93.01	+ 0.09	...
Global	85.52	91.97	+ 0.25	0.18
European	80.19	74.67	+ 0.24	1.09
Japan	110.90	118.60	+ 1.20	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.20	62.74	+ 0.40	5.11
UK Cap Gwth	79.49	85.02	+ 0.22	1.98
CAPEL-CURR MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5562				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	129.80	138.10	+ 0.20	0.30
-do- Acc	138.00	146.90	+ 0.40	0.30
European	66.13	69.00	+ 0.07	0.86
-do- Acc	67.51	71.52	+ 0.08	0.85
Far East Gen	65.27	69.55	+ 0.02	...
-do- Acc	65.37	69.55	+ 0.02	...
Gleneagles	255.40	271.80	+ 0.20	0.70
-do- Acc	287.50	305.90	+ 0.20	0.70
Growth	382.10	406.70	+ 0.40	2.25
-do- Acc	654.10	695.60	+ 0.60	2.25
Income Growth	375.10	399.10	+ 1.20	3.78
-do- Acc	498.70	530.60	+ 1.60	3.78
Master Portfolio	9500.0	9960.0	+26.00	2.19
-do- Acc	11190.0	11611.0	+30.00	2.19
Special Sits	86.99	92.59†	+ 0.05	2.18
-do- Acc	103.01	109.59†	+ 0.05	2.18
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1300.0	1238.0	+ 4.00	4.35
-do- Acc	1416.0	1460.0	+ 5.00	4.35
CAPEL JAMES UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU				
071 955 5850. Dealing: 071 955 5855				
American Index	191.06	203.60	+ 0.10	1.62
Capital	531.20	566.00	+ 1.90	2.39
Eurotrack 100	129.20	137.60	+ 0.60	1.50
Euro Gth	80.32	85.63	+ 0.03	1.32
Far East Growth	90.99	97.10	+ 0.86	0.07
Global Bond	72.40	74.67†	+ 0.08	6.68
Hong Kong	84.03	89.67	+ 0.11	0.77
Income	502.70	536.40	+ 2.00	3.93
Intl Growth	72.87	77.78†	+ 0.42	1.00
Japan Growth	268.50	286.50	+ 4.10	...
Japan Smalr Cos	34.45	36.76	+ 0.30	...
Japan Index	79.87	85.23	+ 1.62	0.25
Nth American	438.20	467.60	+ 3.30	0.47
S pore Mly Gth	54.09	57.72	- 0.04	...
The Pacific Rim	105.60	111.30†	+ 0.20	2.75
Tiger Index	143.20	152.80	+ 0.10	0.61
Trinde Index	106.70	113.80	+ 0.10	2.52
UK Index	121.80	129.90†	+ 0.50	3.08
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0708				
American P folio	83.90	89.66†	+ 0.20	1.00
European P folio	71.95	76.87	- 0.05	1.38
Japanese P folio	64.39	68.42	+ 0.49	...
Pacific P folio	102.66	110.39†	+ 0.58	1.07
Cautious P folio	71.06	76.01†	+ 0.34	3.00
UK Income Gth	64.03	68.71	+ 0.18	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.61	51.30	+ 0.22	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Investment Pd	610.20	615.15	...	4.84
Fixed Int	156.58	157.70	...	6.19
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Income	601.99	607.12	...	4.92
-do- Acc	2368.9	2376.6	...	...
Deposits	5.62	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.44	127.43	...	9.10
-do- Acc	172.60	172.95	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1				
071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.65	65.95	...	2.29
Beckman Intl	83.15	87.76	...	3.02
Friars Hse Inc	174.41	187.54	...	6.21
Friars Hse Cap	246.74	265.31†	...	2.74
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon				
CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222				
Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.97	39.33	+ 0.10	1.77
-do- Acc	41.65	44.31	+ 0.11	1.77
Quilter	121.96	128.54	+ 0.31	...
-do- Acc	133.44	144.09	+ 0.34	2.58
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.51	92.51	+ 0.01	5.14
Fixed Int	92.51	92.51	+ 0.01	5.14
Fixed Int Gov	41.13	41.76	+ 0.01	5.14
-do- Acc	108.65	115.58	+ 0.06	6.70
Equity Income	143.46	153.62	- 0.39	3.68
-do- Acc	440.90	489.89†	+ 1.26	3.68
FPT Europe	147.18	156.57	+ 0.21	1.09
FPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.68	50.72	+ 0.07	7.86
FPT Global Bond	85.82	90.85	+ 0.22	5.65
FPT Gold Com	64.46	68.57	- 0.07	...
FPT Oriental Gth	86.80	90.43	+ 0.01	0.29
FPT Far East Gth	108.31	113.36	+ 0.01	0.22
FPT High Yield	115.82	123.21	+ 0.32	4.58
FPT Acc	445.59	474.05	+ 1.24	4.58
FPT Managed	61.15	65.05	+ 0.15	3.21
-do- Acc	74.69	79.46	+ 0.18	3.21
FPT UK General	67.64	71.96	+ 0.20	2.57
-do- Acc	82.09	87.33	+ 0.24	2.57
FPT Japan	116.79	124.24	+ 1.26	...
FPT N Amer	147.34	157.17	+ 0.28	0.08
FPT UK Gth	115.87	123.29	+ 0.33	2.09
FPT Wrldwide Gwth	95.76	60.71	+ 0.21	0.22
-do- Acc	59.13	63.24	+ 0.22	0.22
FPT Preference	47.90	50.96	+ 0.08	7.10
-do- Acc	250.12	266.08	+ 0.42	7.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ				
0242 577 766				
Oriental Op Acc	83.20	88.51	+ 0.17	.89
Japanese Acc	62.67	66.67	+ 0.37	...
UK Balanced Inc	135.40	134.30†	+ 0.10	4.50
-do- Acc	149.20	158.70†	+ 0.20	2.50
UK Growth Acc	206.80	220.00	+ 0.40	2.19
UK High Inc	132.50	141.00	+ 0.20	6.47
-do- Acc	160.50	170.70	+ 0.30	6.47
N American Acc	112.70	119.90†	+ 0.20	0.32
European Acc	153.90	163.50	+ 0.10	0.43
UK Pref Fd Inc	60.31	63.98†	- 0.21	8.83
-do- Acc	99.28	105.30†	...	8.83
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.01	51.07	+ 0.17	.22
Environmental Opp	70.82	75.34	+ 0.03	1.34
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Dunedin House, 97 Haymarket Terrace,				
Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1800				
American	111.40	118.40	+ 0.10	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	203.00	215.70	+ 1.00	1.16
Eurofund	97.05	99.21	+ 0.02	1.02
Mngd Exempt	163.70	170.60	+ 1.50	3.09
Growth Inc	214.30	227.70	+ 0.50	3.39
High Dist	141.70	150.60	+ 0.10	4.98
International	330.20	340.30†	+ 1.40	0.96
Intl Income	80.27	85.69†	+ 0.53	3.05
Pacific	59.07	62.76	+ 0.01	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	72.78	77.33	+ 0.61	...
Tokyo	208.90	216.60	+ 3.00	...
Japan Exempt	117.10	120.30	+ 0.90	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	980.30	998.30	+ 5.10	0.08
Equity Income	120.70	128.30†	+ 0.40	3.90
Formerly Target				
Australia	6.875	7.300	-0.050	1.07
Euro Spec Sits	138.60	146.80	...	0.55
Financial	41.34	43.92	+ 0.16	2.71
Global Opps Inc	88.75	94.30	+ 0.09	2.13
-do- Acc	91.99	97.74	+ 0.09	2.12
Gold Gen Inc	53.66	57.04	- 0.05	0.75
-do- Acc	103.60	109.40	- 0.10	0.75
Japan General	197.10	166.90	+ 1.80	...
Preference	21.70	23.00†	- 0.11	7.66
UK Capital	104.80	110.60	+ 0.50	3.05
Worldwide Cap	198.80	209.10†	+ 0.40	3.06
World Income	84.13	89.39†	+ 0.29	3.31
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	176.90	188.10	...	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW				
0296 434500				
Pelican	104.81	110.33	+ 0.30	3.19
High Income	120.55	126.89	+ 0.53	4.68
1st of Jnr Tsts	149.21	157.06	+ 0.13	2.04
Special Sits	89.18	93.88	+ 0.21	2.37
North American	102.84	108.25	...	0.87
Far Eastern	343.58	256.40†	- 3.01	1.72
Intl Growth	96.90	102.00	+ 0.60	1.25
European	62.19	65.46†	+ 0.09	2.12
Smaller Cos	69.24	72.88†	+ 0.16	2.02
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE				
0273 220 707				
United Charities	222.70	236.90	...	3.76
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge				
TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	125.30	131.80	- 0.09	...
High Income	25.87	27.22†	+ 0.09	5.45
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London				
EC2A 2NY. 071 628 1814				
European	92.08	97.44	+ 0.31	0.76
Far Eastern	126.60	146.30	- 1.10	...
Gross Income	88.44	94.66†	+ 0.31	2.26
UK Growth	94.25	100.83	+ 0.31	3.06
UK Income	100.40	107.40	+ 0.40	3.23
US Smaller Cos	253.20	270.80	+ 0.60	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TJ				
071 374 4989				
Amer Gth	49.20	52.33	+ 0.07	...
Amer Inc	45.20	52.33	+ 0.07	...
Am Smllr Co	431.10	461.00	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc	440.40	470.90	+ 0.60	...
Capital	291.30	309.80	+ 0.20	2.01
-do- Acc	408.70	431.50	+ 0.20	2.01
Comml Smllr Cos	46.52	50.07†	- 0.20	0.48
-do- Acc	48.63	51.94†	- 0.24	0.48
Convertible	115.10	122.40	...	5.78
-do- Acc	218.50	232.40	+ 0.10	5.78
Emg Mark	53.04	56.66	+ 0.11	...
-do- Acc	53.04	56.66	+ 0.11	...
Eurotrust	93.45	99.63†	+ 0.06	0.98
-do- Acc	97.39	103.80†	- 0.10	0.98
Extra Income	297.60	316.50	+ 0.40	3.99
-do- Acc	416.80	443.30	+ 0.70	3.99
Financial	108.70	114.30	+ 0.20	0.55
-do- Acc	111.70	119.70	+ 0.20	0.55
Gilt Gth Tst	63.12	65.09	+ 0.13	6.81
-do- Acc	81.56	84.10	+ 0.16	6.81
Health Fund Inc	119.30	127.40	+ 0.20	...
Income Tst	179.80	191.20†	+ 0.10	3.78
Intl Growth	317.80	338.40	+ 1.10	...
-do- Acc	352.50	376.80	+ 1.20	...
Japan Gen	177.80	189.90	+ 1.90	...
-do- Acc	179.60	191.80	+ 1.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.93	95.71	+ 0.09	0.65
-do- Acc	95.58	100.60	+ 0.10	0.65
Monthly Income	154.80	164.60	+ 0.60	3.89
Qrtly Inc	48.61	52.77†	+ 0.03	5.80
-do- Acc	49.73	52.89†	+ 0.02	5.80
Recovery	294.50	314.90	+ 0.40	0.35
Special Sits	344.50	368.20	+ 0.60	0.50
UK Growth	46.80	49.98	...	2.59
-do- Acc	46.80	49.98	...	2.59
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH				
Dealing: 0722 411411				
Administration: 0722 413521				
Equity Dist	343.16	367.19	+ 0.64	2.68
-do- Acc	704.81	749.80	+ 1.30	2.68
Euro Gth Dist	106.28	113.03	+ 0.33	0.82
-do- Acc	106.02	116.40	+ 0.34	0.82
Fixed Int Dist	132.30	139.99	+ 0.43	6.26
-do- Acc	223.72	236.66†	+ 0.68	6.26
Intl Gth Dist	77.09	82.01†	+ 0.28	0.72
-do- Acc	80.02	85.13†	+ 0.29	0.72
Nth American Dist	167.28	177.32†	+ 0.53	0.90
-do- Acc	182.14	192.95†	+ 0.35	0.90
Pac Basin Dist	248.01	263.86†	+ 0.70	0.10
-do- Acc	252.57	268.69†	+ 0.81	0.10
Stewardship Dist	300.88	320.09	+ 0.01	1.73
-do- Acc	358.77	381.69†	+ 0.01	1.73
Stwd Inc Dist	64.59	68.50	- 0.01	3.17
-do- Acc	79.26	84.74	- 0.01	3.17
N Am Stwd Dist	98.31	104.59†	+ 0.17	...
-do- Acc	103.59	110.63†	+ 0.17	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Allison Gate, 34b Fir. (2) London Wall, Lond				
EC2Y 5AL. 071 710 4200 Dlngs: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	138.20	147.90	+ 0.30	...
European	405.90	430.70	...	0.99
Far East General	225.20	240.20	- 0.10	0.30
Germany	95.88	101.60	+ 0.20	0.45
Global Assets In	92.11	94.16	+ 0.17	4.19
Global Assets Ac	73.53	78.44	+ 0.10	2.92
Income Inc	125.10	134.50	- 0.20	6.35
International	276.20	295.20	+ 1.10	0.94
Ind Income	76.57	81.09†	+ 0.31	7.68
Japan General	370.10	393.40	+ 4.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.21	49.43†	+ 0.04	5.99
UK Capital Inc	168.40	180.20	+ 0.40	3.99
-do- Acc	288.00	308.10	+ 0.70	3.64
UK Spec Sits	78.02	83.45	...	1.52
US General	114.80	125.70	+ 0.20	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	116.50	124.50†	+ 0.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street,				
London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212				
Dealing: 0277 264422. Service: 0800 289 336				
British Growth	44.04	47.10	+ 0.08	1.44
Cash Trust*	129.27	138.27†	+ 0.02	5.15
Pract Inv Inc	104.42	111.98†	+ 0.08	4.10
-do- Acc	254.10	268.41	+ 0.17	4.10
UK Smaller Cos	105.56	113.19	+ 1.34	0.91
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.33	27.09	- 0.09	8.56
High Inc	31.52	34.14	+ 0.03	4.80
UK Stwdshp Inc	128.86	137.92	+ 0.23	5.97
Global Bond	29.71	30.78†	+ 0.04	4.68
International Funds				
Gold Intl	93.72	100.50†	+ 0.39	0.67
Hyperthr Markets	43.50	46.65	+ 0.12	0.47
Global Inc Gth	119.32	122.27	+ 0.22	1.93
UK Intl	116.34	124.43†	- 0.21	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	128.59	137.40†	+ 0.34	0.45
European	80.59	85.49	+ 0.09	0.63
Euro Sel Opps	95.97	102.30	+ 0.20	0.65
American Emerg	80.41	86.23	- 0.02	...
Hong Kong	115.71	124.09	- 0.01	2.01
Japan	226.85	240.80†	+ 2.28	...
Pacific Growth	159.12	170.54†	+ 0.05	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane,				
London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979				
Dealing: 071 588 0288				
Intl Growth	125.82	134.57	+ 0.79	0.37
American Gth	127.16	136.00	+ 0.07	...
European Gth	84.99	89.50	+ 0.06	0.42
Japan Gth	78.81	84.25	+ 1.05	...
Pacific Inc	141.34	151.17†	+ 0.71	2.05
Pacific Growth	125.75	134.50	+ 0.38	0.25
UK Prop Inc	72.53	76.36†	+ 0.15	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.94	50.51	- 0.02	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.05	48.18	- 1.52	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Hartham Exchange Sq, London EC4 9QH				
071 538 9555				
Cash	131.60	131.60	...	4.76
Gilt Fixed	123.50	131.10	+ 0.20	5.91
Growth Equity	282.20	300.60	+ 0.80	2.06
Growth/Inc	436.40	455.50	+ 0.50	2.16
Income Trust	109.10	116.30†	+ 0.20	2.82
International	156.50	167.10	+ 0.40	0.17
Japan Trust	123.80	132.20	+ 1.40	...
Nth American	254.50	271.80	+ 0.40	0.41
Pacific	378.50	401.10	+ 0.10	...
European	336.00	358.50†	+ 2.00	0.65
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 500, Edinburgh EH8 5BR				
0800 838866				
Global Adv Inc	34.96	37.05	- 0.20	1.66
-do- Acc	36.59	38.79	- 0.20	1.66
Inc Adv Inc	28.18	30.94†	- 0.16	4.15
-do- Acc	30.62	32.46	- 0.10	4.15
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227393				
Dealing: 0277 696390				
Canadian	81.61	87.42	- 0.54	1.16
Equity Income	111.80	118.90†	- 0.40	3.47
European	120.70	128.40	- 0.20	1.22
Intl Situation	74.62	79.71	- 0.01	...
Japanese	138.70	148.20	+ 1.30	...
North American	95.78	101.60	+ 0.10	...
Scandinavian	112.80	119.20	- 0.70	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.45	32.39	- 0.04	2.04
HENDERSON				
PO Box 287, Kings House, 10-616 Kings				
Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET				
Enq: 0277 263263 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	89.44	95.61	- 0.09	...
Asian Enterprise	128.99	137.93†	- 0.50	0.24
Australian	170.15	181.73	- 0.30	0.47
European	364.14	385.42	+ 0.96	1.32
European Inc	71.10	75.20	+ 0.10	2.72
Euro Inc Growth	116.41	124.24	+ 0.31	0.62
Euro Income	250.50	275.61†	- 0.52	4.84
Family of Funds	70.37	75.15†	+ 0.29	1.02
Global Bond	55.85	59.		

Shares follow futures higher

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 5. Dealings end July 16. §Contango day July 19. Settlement day July 26. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
421	345	Abbey Nat	417	+2	11.5	3.4	16.1
203	179	Allied Irish	202	+2	...	4.4	13.2
178	130	Anz New Z	167	+1	...	5.4	...
3804½	2712½	Bankamerica	3695 †	...	...	...	...
253	188	Bk of Ireland	250	-1	...	5.1	17.0
325	305	Bk Leumi UK	315	...	12.0	6.8	...
186	116½	Bank Scotland	180	-2	4.5	3.8	28.9
489	362	Barclays	481	+4	...	3.9	...
3½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Cyrfields	17½	...	22.0	7.1	∞
513	395	Chase Manh	2150 †	...	...	4.1	17.2
2040¼	1343½	Citicorp	2020 †	...	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	343	...	...	3.5	15.2
1125½	925½	Commercial	1119½	-47½	...	3.4	...
1304½	1250½	Deutsche Bk	1260½	+19½	...	2.4	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	75	...	...	...	...
1484	926	Fuji Bank Y	1454	...	...	0.1	∞
466	343	Gerrard Nat	414	...	21.5	6.5	11.9
671½	490	HSBC	668	+1	19.6	3.6	15.7
651	474	HSBC HK	627	...	19.6	3.7	15.2
398	340	Hambros	340	...	13.6	5.7	15.2
365	313	Joseph (L)	359	...	13.6	3.8	15.5
139	96	King Shaxson	136	...	9.0	8.3	...
420	315	Kleinwort Ben	413	...	16.0	3.9	16.5
534	492	Lloyds	530	...	15.4	4.1	16.5
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	82	...	3.0	4.9	16.3
467½	382	Nat Aust Bk	449	-1	...	4.5	15.5
488	398	Nat West	459	...	17.6	4.5	23.6
397	290	Provident	387	+6	17.5	4.5	23.1
43	36	Rea Bros	41	-1	2.5	6.1	15.1
282	207	Rnl Bk Scot	282	...	8.5	3.0	17.2
1870	1675	Schroders	1850	...	...	3.5	16.1
797	576	Stand Chart	785	...	20.0	2.5	...
198	145½	TSB	198	+3	9.4	4.7	15.7
150	78	Union Disc	142	...	...	6.4	12.1
582	528	Warburg (S)	572	...	...	...	...
255	185	do 6% 'A'	251	...	...	3.5	16.2
7850	4963¼	Wells Fargo	7195¼	...	...	1.6	...
172	121	Westpac	169	-1	...	4.5	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

646	517	Allied-Lyons	536	+6	...	4.9	14.5
667	444	Bass	665	-7	16.9	5.1	10.1
289	189	Boddington	281	...	7.3	3.3	16.4
415	362	Burtonwood	391	+3	9.0	2.9	18.0
188	158	Burn Stewart	177	...	...	...	...
158	120	Burnsend Brw	139	-2	4.4	4.0	10.1
372	261	Devenish (A)	366	...	7.8	2.1	26.0
126	75	Eldridge P 'A's	99 †	...	...	4.4	20.2
68½	50	Fenton Brewing	50½	...	...	0.1	∞
395	338	Fuller Sm 'A's	393	...	7.4	2.4	...
480	363	Grand Met	415	-6	12.3	3.7	13.6
594	554	Greenalls Grp	557	-1	11.7	4.1	11.6
563	505	Greene King	536	...	11.6	3.4	13.6
516	440	Guinness	469	...	...	3.2	16.7
281	230	Hardy Hanson	272 †	+6	7.9	3.6	15.1
125	105	Hawthorne	105	...	...	3.8	17.0
98	78	do 'A' 12½	83	...	...	3.6	17.2
342	255	Highland Dist	326	...	...	6.0	22.3
3125	2506	Holt J	3095	...	...	1.7	20.0
32	2	Hotblack Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
329	250	Invergordn Dist	316	...	7.0	2.2	19.3
186	157	Macallan-Glen	169	...	8.9	5.3	17.9
466	375	Macdn Marstn 'A'	383	...	...	4.8	25.5
855	655	Mansfield	800 †	...	15.4	2.4	∞
273	230	Morlnd Thmp	268 †	-3	5.4	2.8	∞
414	328½	Matthew Clark	414 †	+10½	...	2.4	∞
300	253	Morgdon W	285	-3	...	3.7	20.6
566	455	Morland	543	...	8.4	1.9	21.6
12	6½	Paramount	9½	...	...	2.1	15.1
165	145	Regnld Inns	163	...	...	3.5	15.5
850	753	SA Breweries	837	+1	...	3.3	14.4
498	408	Scot & Nwc	481	+2	...	4.7	13.7
225	181	Tennent Cldr	220	...	...	2.7	20.5
968	713	Ynys Group	950	...	9.5	1.0	22.3
301	225	Wethrspoon JD	289	-1	...	2.1	23.3
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	490	+1	...	4.5	12.3
1180	850	do 'B'	998	...	...	2.2	23.0
613	495	Wolvrhmpn D	497	+1	11.4	2.9	14.0
515	475	Young 'A'	485	...	...	1.5	21.1

BUILDING, ROADS

115	73	Abbey	105	...	...	1.3	37.9
27	15	Albrighton A	21	...	...	...	...
153	87	Allen	120 †	...	...	3.2	22.2
99	66	Amec	88	-2	3.8	4.3	16.3
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
216	155	Ashtead	215	...	4.1	2.4	26.7
142	108	Ashwoods	115	...	5.0	3.4	16.6
240	180	BPB Ind	214 †	+6	...	4.5	11.9
98	77	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.3	5.1	25.8
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	...	0.5	...
105	74	Barcon	95	...	1.3	1.6	17.2
158	94	Barratt Devt	154	...	2.0	1.6	17.1
412	305	Bellway	398	-2	...	3.8	23.1
32	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	265½	Berkeley Gp	403	...	6.0	1.9	∞
83	45	Bett Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	59	...	1.0	2.1	46.2
265	189	Blue Circle	247	+4	...	5.7	...
230	200	Boot (Henry)	227	...	5.8	2.7	15.5
78	58	Bovis Hldgs	68	...	4.6	6.5	21.3
121	62	Br Dredging	119	...	5.2	4.5	20.4
85	45	Brk Fittings	76	...	1.5	2.5	...
151	99	Bryant	137	...	4.8	4.4	29.3
130	93	CALA	120	...	2.3	2.1	...
205	165	CRH	177	-1	...	3.5	17.6
46	22	Calchmad Hldy	31	...	...	...	...
43	23	Costain	43	+1½	...	...	...
138	89	Countrywide	136	...	...	3.8	35.5
58	38	Crest Nicholson	58	...	0.0	...	...
74	28	Cruden	63	+6	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	2	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hdgs	15	-½	0.5	2.2	...
250	176	Egerin	230	...	6.5	2.8	21.6
32	20	Ellis & Eve	32	...	0.5	1.6	22.9
380	232	Eve Group	357	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Everard Barton	51	...	2.9	4.7	24.9
6½	3	Exploserve	3½	...	...	...	...
29	17	Freeman Gp	19	...	1.6	8.4	22.6
30	18	Galliford	28	...	...	6.5	15.3
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
695	595	Gleeson (M)	678	...	12.7	1.8	12.2
125½	90	Hawdon-Stuart	119	...	...	3.4	27.0
86	66	Hewetson	66	...	...	3.0	∞
208	186	Heyrd Wtm	204	-2	12.5	5.6	...
106	57	Higgs & Hill	93	+1	2.5	2.6	...
35	21	How Gp	31	...	...	...	...
16	7	Howard Hdgs	11	...	0.5	4.5	...
78	58	Hsbrck Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.5	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	268	...	6.0	2.2	19.6
68	55	Lin Clydesdale	55	...	4.5	7.5	28.2
103	103	Lovell (TJ)	20	...	...	...	9.1
320	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	2.8	19.3
143	98	Marley	138	...	4.2	3.0	40.5
85	61	Marshalls	84	...	...	2.4	27.6
195	122	Marstrs Brs (I)	166	...	4.9	3.7	15.2
224	95	McAlpine (A)	198	-4	6.5	4.1	34.3
40	23	McCarthy & S	33	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	388	...	8.0	2.1	18.9
6	4	Mitchn Cpbn	4 ⁸	...	...	...	...
52	38	Mowlem (J)	105	-1	4.0	4.6	...
65	51	NSM	63	...	...	...	...
48	36	Needler A	46	...	...	1.7	23.3
168	138	Newman Tnks	168	...	...	4.5	18.5
197	157	Pentland	171	-1	8.6	4.8	22.7
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1235½	Pochin	1525	...	20.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	130	-3	3.4	3.5	...
6½	2	Quilligotti A	4	...	...	...	...
740	555	RMC Gp	738	+4	...	3.4	20.8
117	85	Raine Ind	83	-1	6.0	9.0	13.9
36	20	Ramsay	21	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	494	-2	22.0	6.5	20.8
79	57	Redpath	79	...	4.3	6.5	11.8
397	307	Rugby Group	365	...	8.4	3.0	30.3
42	23	Rwlnd-Ewes A	42	...	...	...	...
115	68	Sharpe & Fisher	112	...	...	...	...
177	85½	Shelf Int	173 †	...	...	3.9	42.8
137	82	Sheriff Hldgs	122 †	...	...	2.8	16.5
98	65	Sherwin	73	...	...	2.8	16.5
228	197	Smart (J)	197	...	8.5	5.9	∞
24	2½	Smiths	2	...	0.1	5.3	∞
142	110	Tarmac	132	+1	5.5	5.3	...
137	79	Tay Homes	108	-2	3.6	3.6	30.7
118	65	Taylor Woodrw	97	-2	1.6	1.6	...
618	439	Tilbury Dougls	597	+4	33.0	6.0	∞
39	30	Tmmy Mrtn	38	...	...	4.6	21.3
169	124	Travis Perkins	158	-3	8.0	4.5	41.9
30	19	Try Group	24	-1	1.0	3.7	9.8
28	21	Tufnol	25	...	1.5	4.9	...
41	28	Ultraplant	41	...	...	...	...
24	16	Ward Hldgs	19	...	...	...	...
37	25	Warehouse	31	...	...	...	...
350	260	Wates Hldgs	340	+2	10.7	3.1	16.3
8	3	Wescott	3	...	...	...	...
90	50	Westbury	133	...	...	5.0	47.2
9½	4	West Scottish	9 ⁸	...	...	...	...
5	3	Wiggins	3	...	...	...	...
391	301	Wilson Bowdn	410	-3	11.7	2.7	20.1
167	107	Wilson (C)	154	+1	3.6	2.3	41.1
107	70	Wimpey G	103 †	+1	...	4.0	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	...	...	4.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	599	+3	...	...	...	
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	23	
92	59	Air London A	85	...	3.0	4.6	14.2	
58	37	Allcom Lakes	54	+2	...	4.6	31.2	
178	125	Assc Brc	174	...	...	3.4	16.3	
118	68	BTR	108	...	2.5	2.3	47	
318	258	Barbour Index	313	...	7.2	2.3	17.3	
265	230	Bemrose	257	...	9.7	3.8	46.6	
22	12	Bowland	19	...	...	2.0	11.3	
204	184	Brit Data Mgt	204	+1	...	...	14.7	
26	11	Broadcastline	21	...	...	...	...	
73	54	Brooks Service	73	...	2.4	3.6	11.7	
104	58	CMT Gp	104	...	...	1.5	22.6	
178	139½	Capita Group	177	...	...	2.3	16.5	
31	19	Cadbet Plc	31	...	...	...	...	
50	40	Chltern Capital	49	...	...	...	...	
51	26	Christie	51	...	...	...	...	
320	228	Chubb Sec	313	...	...	2.3	20.5	
98	58	Comshare	82	...	...	...	...	
39	6½	Corp Services	39	...	...	...	...	
52	29	Crosby Cnstg	48	-3	...	...	...	
61	39	Dart	58	-2	3.5	4.7	11.8	
231	198	Davis Service	222	...	4.3	5.9	10.6	
104	85	Dft Facts	91	...	0.5	...	19.7	
38	28	Gardiner	38	+1	4.6	3.4	23.6	
252	215	Hays	240 †	...	...	3.9	15.2	
74	54	Hogg Robinson	74	...	...	...	...	
70	42	Holmes Protectn	68	-2	...	2.6	∞	
230	127	Hunt Whitney	184	...	...	2.2	20.1	
1975	1575	ISS S DKr	1975	...	...	...	...	
557	532	Instacape	557	...	25.7	3.8	∞	
69	39	Johnson Clean	69	...	...	...	40.3	
3½	2	Lep	3	...	...	...	...	
279	178	Mitie Gp	235	...	...	2.7	1.5	
1187	893	Manpower	980	...	...	...	18.5	
90	50	Michael Page	90	...	1.8	4.5	31.3	
239	162	Pennon	165	...	...	6.5	7.2	
2	2	Prime People	2	...	...	...	...	
80	80	Proudfoot Alex	65	...	15.6	5.8	5.3	
365	305	RCD	101	...	11.8	4.8	12.5	
101	101	RHA	...	...	4.0	5.0	...	
63	43	Reed Executive	58	...	...	...	...	
158	134	Refiance Secs	134	...	...	4.2	13.5	
113	93	Rentokil	109	+3	2.5	1.4	26.1	
178	138	Rentokil	178	...	...	3.2	15.8	
240	180	Rnlte & Nolan	180	...	...	2.8	19.4	
362	342	Salvesen (C)	354 †	...	...	3.7	∞	
38	28	Scott. Fleldcrft	28 †	...	...	9.4	3.5	18.0
164	107	Securiguard	159	...	...	...	...	
5	5	Select Appt	5	+½	14.0	1.6	26.9	
695	572	Serco Gp	672	...	...	3.7	∞	
235	206	Sherard Compn	206	...	...	6.6	21.5	
130	94	Slingsby	94	...	6.3	2.6	16.5	
350	316	Stanley Bowrd	316	...	...	...	...	
35	24	Welpac	24	+1	...	0.6	30.5	
28	14	Wilh Gp	22½	...	...	...	...	

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

298	220	Allied Colloids	291 †	+1	...	2.3	20.0
807	613	Amersham	807	+6	13.5	2.1	∞
7	2	Anglo Dtch	2½	...	...	7.5	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	8367½	+9½	9.3	6.5	∞
283	199	BTP	280 †	-6½	...	5.3	...
£110	£101½	Bayer DM50	£101½	...	9.3	7.8	14.5
535	434	Bogden	535	...	...	2.3	9.1
168	134	Brent Chems	157	-1	7.2	7.0	14.8
69	48	Brent-Tech	48	...	...	3.1	19.2
368	316	Br Vita Gp	340	-1	7.2	3.2	14.3
136	126	Cairn Energy	134	...	...	4.1	10.7
238	204	Cookson	234	+2	...	2.1	18.4
131	101	Crodda	131	...	7.0	5.4	12.3
249	121	Dowdes	213	...	6.8	3.2	12.5
219	175	Ellis & Everard	215	...	...	3.5	16.3
379	154	Exte Colour	379	...	...	4.6	20.1
299	239	Hickson Int	247	+3	...	3.8	...
241	194	Hickson	£100½	...	...	...	...
£144½	£80	Hoechst	...	...	...	...	...

DRAPERY, STORES

108	61	Alexon	73	...	...	3.6	...	
87	48	Amber Day	69	+2	3.1	5.6	18.9	
329½	257	Argos Plc	307	+1	...	2.9	26.2	
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	109	-1	0.1	0.1	...	
286	228	Aspreys	285	+5	...	2.2	∞	
114	94	Austin Reed	102	-1	...	2.4	...	
153	125	Bemlin Hl 'A'	143	...	...	5.3	14.3	
121	94	Bentalls	98	...	1.9	2.4	...	
278	208	Bettrware	278	+16	...	0.9	33.3	
36	22	Blakis Lds	34	...	3.2	9.3	9.0	
227	133	Body Shop	194	...	...	0.1	25.0	
15½	11½	Brown A Jackson	13½	...	...	0.6	...	
401	318	Brown (N)	396	...	...	2.3	22.7	
87½	64½	Burton	84½	-1	...	2.3	...	
146	126	Cameron	142	...	...	2.4	18.9	
165	105	Church	165	...	12.5	4.4	17.4	
65	47	Clinton Cards	65	...	4.2	5.2	17.2	
282	202	Coats Viyella	282	+1	...	3.5	22.5	
78	70	Colorvision	78	...	...	...	...	
661	304	Comm Furnish	661	-1	15	1.0	∞	
158	115	Crown Spec	132	...	...	5.5	8.6	
135	99	Daisy Focus Int	135	...	...	2.2	18.8	
77½	51½	Dewhirst Gp	77½	+2	1.5	2.6	16.0	
281	194½	Dixons Gp	280	+5	6.5	2.3	24.5	
413	330	Dunelm	393	-2	8.1	2.1	17.9	
119	77	Essex Furs	116	...	...	2.9	20.0	
281	195	Etam	281	...	6.0	2.4	22.5	
281	199	Fine Art Dev	281	+4	12.7	2.7	19.0	
30	20	First Bath Tiles	30	...	...	...	...	
380	298	Forminster	298	...	12.5	3.1	10.4	
38	26	French Conn	38	...	...	2.6	4.3	16.4
30	26	French Conn A	30	...	...	2.6	4.3	...
30	23	Gent Kit	30	...	...	2.6	4.3	...
30	23	Gussenhalm Gp	30	...	...	2.6	4.3	...
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37	30	Hampden Grps	31	...	...	4.0	15.4	
277	201	Harrisons	277	...	...	2.2	...	
29½	20	Helene Pic	27½	...	...	2.0	11.7	10.2
69	39	Heritage	68	...	...	...	...	
93	69	Hollis Mchnts	89	...	...	...	...	
69	49	Hornby Hobby	69	-4	...	2.1	8.5	
1010	496	Kingfisher	998	-7	9.0	0.9	20.2	
75	62½	Ladbk Wins Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6	
1½	1	Lambert Howarth	1	...	...	3.1	29.6	
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1½	1	Mayfair Cpn	1	...	...	...	...	
11½	7½	Graystone	9½	...	...	...	...	
39	26	Miclaren	36	...	...	1.7	11.7	
1½	½	Mosscrop	1	...	...	0.2	14.9	
314	267	Mtgm	309	...	6.1	2.0	14.0	
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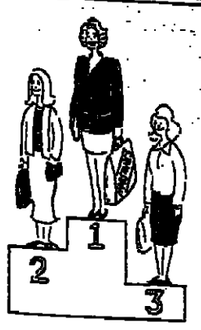
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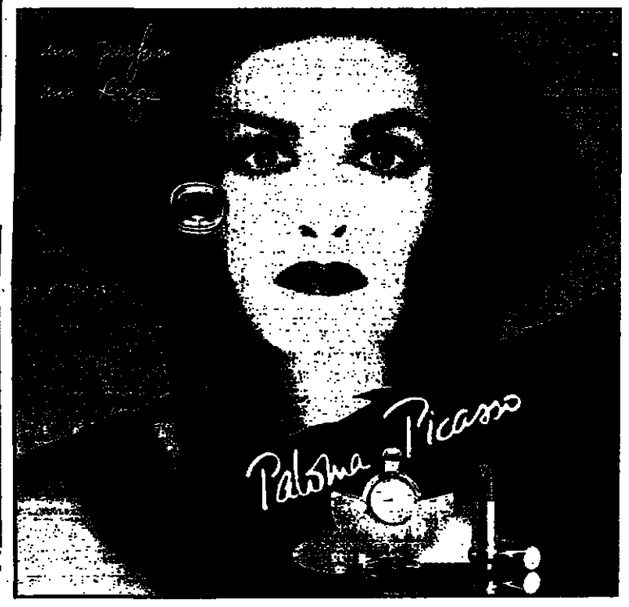
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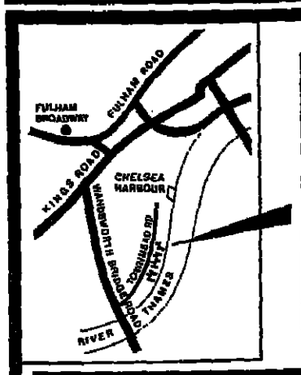
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At home to thousands

A National Trust property is to let at £30 a week, but there is a catch. Rachel Kelly reports on the drawbacks and joys of being a trust tenant

To let: a 16-sided house decorated with seashells, dried flowers, marbled paint, cut paper, sand, seaweed, straw and feathers, for about £30 a week. The only problem is that for five days a week some of the 28,000 visitors a year who go to A la Ronde, one of the National Trust's most exquisite houses in Devon, may walk through your sitting-room.

The house went up for rent last week, one of the few historic houses that the trust chooses to let each year. At present, only two of its 200 or so properties need tenants: A la Ronde, and Derwent Island House, a Grade II detached late 18th-century house on Derwent Island in Cumbria available for £10,000 a year on a 20-year lease. (The trust is required by the Charity Commissioners to charge a market rent.)

The trust more regularly lets most of its 2,000 or so estate houses and cottages. Many of these are let with farm tenancies, some are used as staff accommodation and some are let on long leases at a premium. Only a few are let short-term. As with its historic houses, the trust advises prospective tenants to keep an eye on local newspapers. People should not contact it speculatively because it does not keep a list of houses to rent.

A la Ronde is being offered at an annual rent of £1,500, with the chance of extending the let if it suits both parties. Built two miles north of Exmouth in 1796 by two spinsters, the house was taken over by the trust in 1991. The central octagon, with the study, library, drawing room and pantry leading off it, and their decor have now all been restored after the trust has raised about £450,000 in a widely publicised appeal.

"We have restored the building, and we think we've worked out the best way to open it to the public," says Jacqui Connor from the trust's office in Exeter.

The house is already open to the public from Sunday to Thursday between 11 am and 5.30 pm and run by a custodian. (The visitor route passes through the flat's sitting room and corridor.) But trust rules mean that the house must be occupied 24 hours a day.

"We need help to relieve our custodian when duties take him away from the property," Ms Connor says. "The new tenant will take on responsibility for running the house for three evenings and two days a week, but it is expected that the property will be closed."

The ideal tenant, says John Channon from the trust, will be a trust member with experience of dealing with people and administration, who is a non-smoker and has no pets. Sometimes the trust chooses its tenants itself: at Hatchlands, near Leatherhead in Surrey, the trust approached Alec Cobbe, a picture restorer who collects ancient keyboard instruments. The house suffered from a lack of contents in its Robert Adam interiors — and Cobbe's collection of instruments and furniture was the answer.

A la Ronde's new tenant will become master of one of the two flats the trust has converted on the first floor of the house itself. The other flat is already lived in by the custodian. The flat, centrally heated and unfurnished, with two bedrooms, kitchen, sitting-room, bathroom and lavatory, boasts fine views across the Exe estuary.

The advantage is that the trust is "a very nice landlord," according to Peter Isaac, tenant of another of its properties, Peckover House in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

Mr Isaac, a film-maker, became a tenant of this elegant 11-bedroom Georgian mansion just over a year ago, along with six llamas, two dogs, and an oboe. He now runs musical events at the house and has formed his own professional opera company.

His advice to prospective tenants is to have a clear agreement with the trust beforehand about their stipulations and your responsibilities. Who is responsible for mending the roof, for example.

"They are such pleasant chaps that sometimes, through kindness, things get misunderstood," Mr Isaacs says.

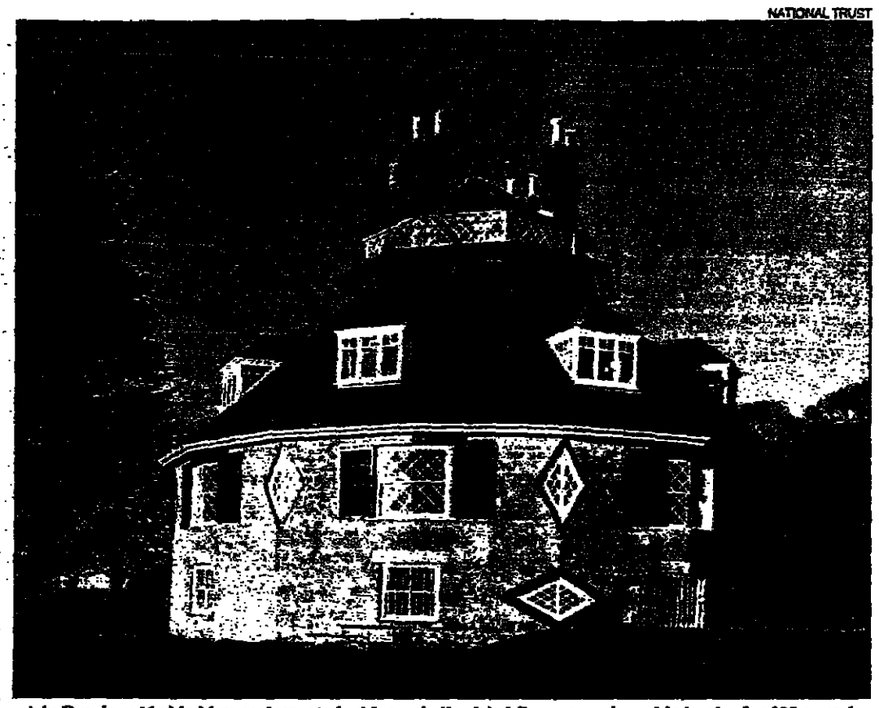
Find out, too, exactly how much paperwork is involved. "Because the trust is a large organisation, there is a tendency to produce a lot of memos," he says. "My advice is to have as little to do with the paperwork as possible."

When the Mr Isaac first moved into Peckover, he had to go to "meeting after meeting" he says. "I couldn't get on with my own work. Naturally people from the trust were curious and wanted to come and see how things were going."

Now, however, the rental has settled down and Mr Isaacs hardly sees trust staff, apart from the trust's gardeners. "It's great fun and a real challenge. It's rather like buying a yacht — you love it, but then you realise it moves up and down and you can get sea-sick."

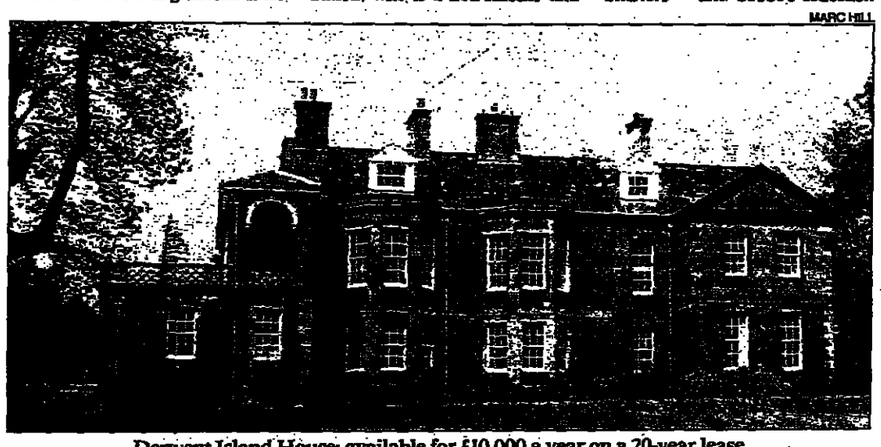
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Roman Catholics plan to convert Chesterton's home to a study centre

In memory of the creator of Father Brown



Worshipped: G.K. Chesterton

Father Brown would be delighted. Ambitious plans have been drawn up to turn Top Meadow, G.K. Chesterton's beloved Beaconsfield home, into an institute in his honour.

When Chesterton, the journalist, essayist, novelist and biographer, died in 1936, he left the Tudor-style house to the Roman Catholic church. Almost 60 years later leading lay members of the Roman Catholic church are repaying the debt by heading the campaign to turn the house, which is for sale, into the Chesterton Study Centre.

The Duke of Norfolk is head of the appeal's board of patrons. Lord Longford, another leading member of the church, is also supporting the venture to raise £500,000 for the purchase of the house, set in an acre of lawns and garden. The institute would be for the study and discussion of religion, society and culture.

Top Meadow, where Chesterton wrote some of his best-known works, including the Father Brown detective stories, is owned by the Roman Catholic St Barnabas Society, which provides aid to Anglican priests who convert to Catholicism. In the light of the Synod vote on women priests, the society may be looking for bigger premises.

The Chesterton Study Centre of Bedford has joined forces with the Chesterton Society USA to raise the funds and to prepare a business plan for the centre. Much of the fund-raising will be done in America, where the Father Brown detective stories are still popular. Top Meadow, a six-bedroom house with a theatre, library, study and dining-room, is ideal for seminars and small conferences. The Chesterton Study Centre will expand its activities and the large collection of Chesterton papers and memorabilia will be moved to Top Meadow.

The Duke of Norfolk was delighted to lend his support to the project. "I have vivid recollections of meeting G.K. Chesterton when I was at Oxford," he says. "I attended some of his lectures to the Newman Society, which I will never forget. He was one of the outstanding figures of literature.

"The appeal of the Father Brown stories will be used to attract tourists. But while he may be best known for the detective stories, his other writings were a great inspiration to us. He commands great respect for his writings on Christian belief, which is why I have agreed to help."

Aidan Mackey, a Chesterton scholar who has just returned from a lecture tour in America, will move in as curator and administrator. He is nothing if not devoted to Chesterton: Mr Mackey proposes to sell his own house to help to pay for his move into Top Meadow.

Mr Mackey, a retired schoolmaster and dealer in rare books of the Catholic Intellectual Revival, is the administrator of the Chesterton Study Centre in Bedford.

The house will be opened, as soon as possible, to scholars and tourists, who will be asked to make a contribution to its upkeep. The house will be available for religious retreats, and events geared to those interested in English detective fiction.

Kenneth Baker, the former Tory party chairman and a Chesterton devotee, has lectured on the writer. His support will be sought.

The Duke of Norfolk is determined for the appeal to succeed. "It will play a significant role in promoting the values of G.K. Chesterton in a world which sorely needs his wisdom."

ANDREW PIERCE

● *Information or contributions details: the appeal co-ordinator, Christopher Whitehouse at Chandlers, Chandlers Hill, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire SLO OEA (0895 251804). Agents: Ekins Professional, 47 Sycamore Road, Amersham HP6 5EQ (0494 721899)*

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Council waste contract challenged

Regina v Avon County Council, Ex parte Terry Adams Ltd
Before Mr Justice Jowitt
[Judgment June 23]

Where a local authority, acting as a waste disposal authority, was setting up a waste disposal company, it was not under a duty to consider the interests of other waste disposal contractors or the question of discrimination.

Mr Justice Jowitt so observed in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing on the ground of lack of locus standi an application for judicial review by a competing waste disposal contractor, Terry Adams Ltd, against the decision of Avon County Council (Avon) on February 16, 1993 to award to Avon Waste Management Ltd (AWM) five contracts for the disposal of waste material, the applicant having tendered for one of those contracts.

Pursuant to section 51(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Avon, having negotiated with Wessex Waste Management Ltd, made arrangements in accordance with Part II of Schedule 2 to the Act to set up its own waste disposal company, AWM, to compete for the waste disposal contracts.

Section 51 of the 1990 Act provides: "(1) It shall be the duty of each waste disposal authority to arrange — (a) for the disposal of the controlled waste collected in its area by the waste collection authorities; ... by means of arrangements made (in accordance with Part II of Schedule 2 to this Act) with waste disposal contractors, but by no other means."

Mr Robert Carnwath QC and Mr Richard Gordon for Terry Adams; Mr James Goudie, QC, and Mr Peter Oldham for Avon; Mr Mark Shaw for Wessex Waste Management Ltd.

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said that Avon's actions were in performance of the duties imposed upon it by Part 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Whereas a waste disposal authority might form a company other than on the direction of the secretary of state and vest assets in it, the company which was formed on his direction pursuant to section 32(2) of the 1990 Act was only to be at arm's length once vesting date arrived. It did not have to be an arm's length company before its assets became vested in it and while negotiations might be in hand for the transfer of assets.

Proposed transfer of assets

At the setting up and endowment stage of a company formed in accordance with Schedule 2 to the 1990 Act there was no duty upon the authority to consider the interests of other waste disposal contractors or the question of discrimination. That was simply not part of the contracting exercise in which undue discrimination had to be avoided.

His Lordship found further support for that view in three factors:

First was the fact that before the vesting of assets an authority was not required to exercise its control over its Schedule 2 company so as to ensure that it remained an arm's length company.

The second was to be found in one of the statutory purposes lying behind the provisions for the setting up of a Schedule 2 company: it was to further the interests of the authority and not to safeguard the interests of other contractors. Nor did it seem to his Lordship that either paragraph 18 or 21 of Schedule 2 was principally intended to protect the interests of other contractors although they would have that effect: the avoidance of undue discrimination and the ignoring by an authority of its ownership of a contractor helped it to get the best bargain.

The third was to be found in paragraphs 40 and 43 of DOE Circular 8/91. The advice given there was in his Lordship's judgment inconsistent with the proposition that paragraph 18 of Schedule 2 had to be taken into account in deciding what assets were to be transferred to a Schedule 2 company.

Undue discrimination

An authority had to draw up a contract in respect of which it would seek tenders before it invited anyone to tender. His Lordship saw nothing in the Act which precluded an authority from drawing up a contract before it received any response to its Schedule 2 paragraph 20 advertisement.

It would in fact need to have a fairly good idea of some of the contract terms before producing the statutory specification and there was no reason in law why the contract should not indeed be drawn up before or at the time the statutory specification was prepared.

An authority would not generally be required to consider at the stage of drawing up the contract how such and such a clause would affect one contractor compared with another, having regard to the resources available to them.

"Undue", as qualifying discrimination, raised two considerations. One was the degree of discrimination. The other was whether the reason for the discrimination was a bad one. Discrimination for which there was no good reason would not be undue unless its degree justified the critical label "undue": see *South of Scotland Electricity Board v British Oxygen Co Ltd* ([1956] 1 WLR 1069, 1076).

Discrimination which resulted from *bona fide* and reasonable attempts by an authority to perform sensibly its duties under the Act was unlikely to be regarded as undue and it was relevant to keep in mind that an authority's legitimate purpose in drawing up a contract was to seek to the best value it could for its money.

It would be relevant to ask whether, at a time when it was reasonable to draw up the contract, it could reasonably have foreseen that discrimination would subsequently manifest itself. That should not blind one to the fact that an authority might expect the contractor which it had itself set up to apply to tender for a contract.

That would in some cases enable an authority, were it so minded, to draw up its contract in a way which unduly favoured that particular contractor. That was not to say that an authority was not entitled to have in mind its own waste disposal strategy, or preferred strategy, provided that strategy was not *Wednesbury* unreasonable ([1948] 1 KB 223): see *London Electricity Board v Springate* ([1969] 1 WLR 524, 525).

Environmental factors

His Lordship could find no statutory basis for a requirement that environmental factors might not be taken into account save in so far as they had been spelt out in the tender documents or earlier document. Mr Goudie made the point, which his Lordship accepted, that an authority at the time of seeking tenders might be unaware of relevant factors until it received tenders.

Solicitors: Stephens & Scown, Exeter; Sharpe Pritchard: McKenna & Co.

Allocating compensation for defunct company

In re Baku Consolidated Oilfields Ltd
Before Mr Justice Chadwick
[Judgment July 2]

Collectors of share certificates of defunct companies could not benefit financially when foreign compensation was belatedly paid for the seizure of the companies' assets.

The correct approach in directing distribution of surplus assets in the winding-up of a company was to treat as members all those who would be entitled to have their names placed on the register. It was unnecessary to insist on the formality of applications to rectify the register.

Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division, on an application under section 112 of the Insolvency Act 1986, by the liquidator of Baku Consolidated Oilfields Ltd for directions as to the manner in which a fund of £3,026,056 received by him in 1990 from the Foreign Compensation Commission should be distributed.

Miss Catherine Roberts for the liquidator.

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that Baku had been incorporated under the Companies Acts 1908 to 1917 for the purpose of acquiring and exploiting oil concessions in Azerbaijan but had never commenced trading.

In 1920 the Soviet government had seized its assets and a claim at that time for compensation had borne no fruit. In 1929 it was ordered to be wound up, the creditors were paid out of available assets and a modest distribution was made to the contributories.

In 1986, however, agreement had been reached with the Soviet government for the payment of those claims and the secretary of state had appointed a fresh liquidator under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Prima facie, the members of a company were those whose names were entered in its register, see, now, sections 22 and 361 of the Companies Act 1985, but the register was not conclusive, see *Reese River Silver Mining Co v Smith* ([1869] LR 4 HL 64, 77, 80), and the court could order rectification of the register as well after as before winding-up.

His Lordship would accordingly direct:

1 The liquidator to distribute their appropriate entitlements to the fund to (a) such registered members as had been traced, and (b) the executors and administrators, under an English grant of probate, of such members;

2 That the liquidator have liberty to distribute such entitlements to (a) the executors and administrators of registered members under a foreign grant of probate, and (b) beneficiaries under a will, whether English or foreign, where there was no English grant of probate, and (c) persons having possession of a share certificate of Baku, in circumstances where he was satisfied that they were beneficially entitled to the relevant shares.

But the liquidator would be directed, subject to the above, not to distribute any part of the fund to a person whose only claim to share in the fund was that he or she was in possession of a share certificate, as the evidence before his Lordship made it clear that a number of claimants had simply purchased their share certificates as collectors or scripophilists and that there as an active market in old bonds and certificates which owed nothing to the underlying obligations in respect of which they had originally been issued. Such purchasers had not been intended to and did not become beneficially entitled to the shares to which their certificates related.

Solicitors: Norton Rose.

As next week's Radio Festival looms, two writers report on the changes wrought by Producer Choice and the uncertain future at Radio 1

Hiding from the free market blast

An insider's view of Producer Choice reforms at the BBC

Producer Choice has been running since April Fool's day and what most producers would choose, given any real choice, is to go back to the old system. Not that the scheme doesn't have its heart in the right place: it's just that the BBC wasn't built to take the rigours of the free market. The old system may have been every bit as wasteful and inefficient as the old National Health Service or the old gas boards, but it did get some remarkable programmes made.

It's not even as if we know yet just what the fully implemented PC will mean, for this is our "Transitional Year" and when the transition has been made there will be fewer Oxbridge types beavering away in Broadcasting House and Television Centre in London, and more Oxbridge types beavering away in the regions and in small, independent cubby holes in those Shepherds Bush roads where BBC producers set up shop when they've taken their redundancy money from the corporation and set up independently.

What I know so far, though, is this: in April, when I wanted a telephone number of a potential presenter or pundit or contact, I would telephone the BBC reference department and five minutes later they'd ring me back with the information. Now I phone them up, they take my name, department, programme number, editor's name, inside leg measurement and hat size, all of which they spend some time entering into a computer. Five minutes later they phone me back with the information. The irritation and the time wasted apart, there is the cost: £10.30 a call. Many producers will simply ring a mate on a newspaper to get the information free, putting BBC jobs at risk.

For most of the departments for which I work these are purely notional sums: the big departments have bought what are effectively season tickets to use the resources. If they use it more than they thought, the price goes up next year.

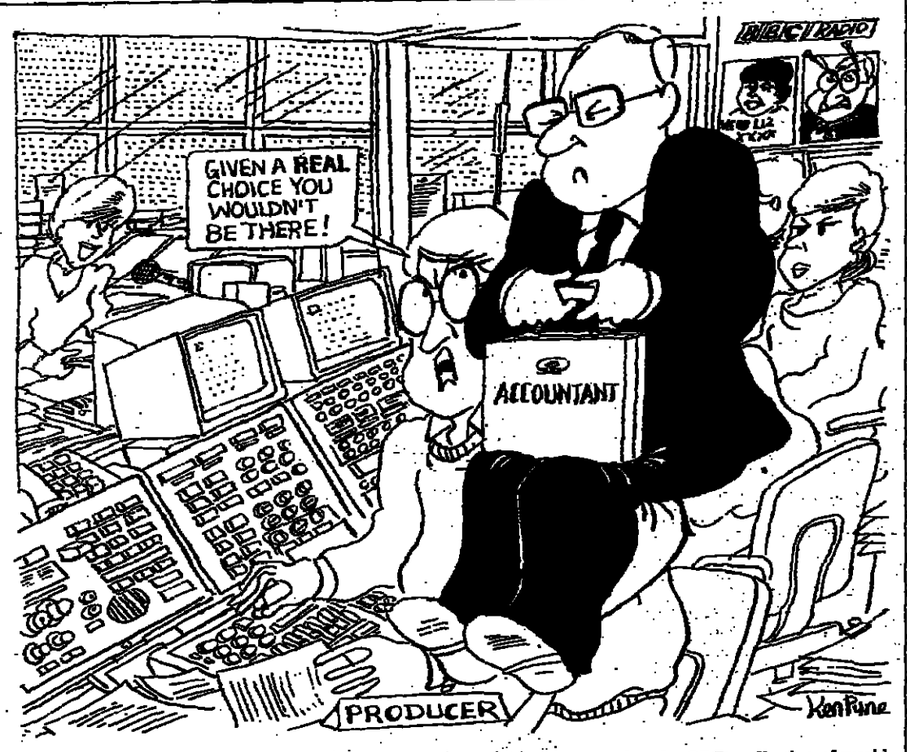
There may be a good argument for paying accountants to oversee the transfer of lots of £10.30s from one section to another, but the problem is that this system ignores the way programmes get made.

The way the BBC makes good programmes is by lots of producers and researchers sitting around and tossing ideas back and forth. If an idea — for a programme, or an item in a programme, or a particular pundit to pontificate on an item in a programme — sounds as if it might bear fruit, they'll take it further by making a telephone call or getting news information to send some cuttings. Some ideas turn out to be good ones, some bad: the new system seems to be founded on the belief that a higher ratio of good ideas can be squeezed out by charging penalties for non-runners.

It is good news for the accountants, of course, but then so much at the BBC seems to be good news for accountants nowadays.

Over in TV they have it worse still. Departments there have become "Business Units" and, as such, get their very own accountants. One business unit's new accountant set to work in April and eventually produced his first report on the finances of his unit, and what the report said was that the unit needed another accountant.

In radio, it looks like they will need more accountants still when the department heads get round to working out the new budgeting system. Let us imagine that my — fictitious — political comedy department wants to make a new series of six shows to go out in the new year. Each show will cost £5,000 to make, including a proportion of the staff salaries of all those general people who spend part of their working week on the show. Of course, we'll need to fill out extra forms every time we use a studio or — a luxury which is getting rarer nowadays — the services of a studio engineer, because the accountants need to have precise details of how the money travels from the BBC's



heart and through every capillary.

But what has come as a surprise to many producers is that we will have to "borrow" the £30,000 the series costs from the BBC itself. When each show is transmitted, starting in a few months, the BBC will pay my department back — except that the BBC will charge interest on the loans. The interest payments have not started yet but they may in the new financial year and, although nobody is quite sure how the system will work, the hot topic in every BBC meeting is what the interest rate will be.

Theoretically, this will put departments on the same financial footing as the independent radio companies, which are supposed to be springing up all over the place. I say supposed to be, because many producers have done the sums and discovered that there is no profit to be made independently.

There is a compromise position available, though. Thanks to PC, a producer can make a programme at Broadcasting House or TV Centre using cheap outside facilities — which means that producers are already finding themselves shunning the BBC's collection of world-beating equipment and technicians in order to save a few bob by working from poky editing suites in Soho. Don't worry though: the degradation in quality is happening so gradually that audiences may never notice it.

Luckily, even the accountants on the sixth floor at the BBC have started to realise that the new system needs a little tweaking. Already some areas are being ring-fenced to protect them from the full blast of the market; training will stay in transition for at least a year.

An own goal by ITN

It's bad news to bow to Whitehall

A popular but misguided opinion is that the battle for *News At Ten* ended in victory for the forces of light. The noble journalists beat off the marauding television tycoons to save the bedtime half-hour for civilisation as we know it.

A welter of comment supported the view. *The Guardian*'s newest arts columnist found the ITV companies' signalled climbdown to be a vindication of the Broadcasting Act 1990 ("David Mellor mauls the 'stupid' ITV companies", the paper puffed).

Finding that Michael Green, ITN's new chairman, was leading the plot to park their flagship up the teatime creek, journalists showed their lobbying power could outgun his — at Westminster, at the heritage ministry and at No 10. In the short term, they won.

The longer view should perhaps be different. It was almost exactly eight years ago that a minister in charge of broadcasting, backed by the indignation of the prime minister of the day, rushed to judgment about programming the BBC's *Real Lives*, and forced the regulatory authority to change the schedule.

The furore helped to lose the director-general of the BBC and the home secretary their jobs, and a benchmark was set on the principle of politicians keeping their hands off programmes. Yet now we see respected journalists soliciting the intervention of the prime minister, and the heritage secretary, not to mention a Commons select committee rushing out, overnight, its own mature condemnation. And everyone cheers.

News at Ten may still be moved, a year or so hence. The Independent Television Commission's powers, *pace* Mr Mellor's self-serving judgement, have not been tested; and ITN's journalists may have opened Pandora's box.

PETER FIDDICK

Hands off popular culture

ONE of the most fiercely debated issues at next week's annual Radio Festival will be the future of Radio 1. While the campaign to keep *Radio 4 on long wave may have* roused middle England to a much publicised fury, it is Radio 1 which reaches over a quarter of the population each week and in audience terms dwarfs all other stations.

Its very success has, over the past few years, made Radio 1 the target of a number of attempts to turn such popularity to commercial advantage.

The logic of the argument is simple: because Radio 1 is a popular music service with a huge following, it would be highly profitable as a commercial venture. Pop music is not a legitimate ingredient of public service broadcasting, and the money heaped on expensive DJs could be diverted to more deserving causes like classical music and plays.

It is, of course, a blatantly elitist logic which dismisses popular culture as an area in which the BBC should be investing. The argument for shifting Radio 1 to the private sector is based on an unspoken assumption: that a commercialised Radio 1 would be identical to the current version, except that it would carry advertisements. The advocates of privatisation never ask how private ownership might change Radio 1's output.

The Radio Authority, the body which regulates commercial radio, has recently added its voice to the privatisation lobby and its response to the government's green paper on the BBC provides a good example of this blind spot. In the authority's own words, the case for privatising Radio 1 rests on "whether there would be a decisive and positive effect on total radio advertising revenue, such as to enable a commercial Radio 1 and other commercially-funded services to thrive". Not a word about how the station would have to adapt its programming to survive this transition and whether that transformation would be in the interests of listeners.

So what might be lost? The point about Radio 1 is that it is not a "pop and prattle" station. Because it has guaranteed and relatively stable public funding, it can offer a whole raft of benefits to young people within a pop format. Some of these are music-based: a range of music which is not confined to the Top 40, including experimental music and formats; a platform for new talent; a forum for live bands. Some are speech-based: regular in-depth news bulletins rather than 30 second soundbites; discussions and documentaries on issues relevant to young people, such as drugs or bullying in schools; joblines, helplines and advice lines.

The battle over *News at Ten* on ITV should serve as a cautionary reminder about what happens when the private sector in broadcasting becomes truly commercial. Yes, Radio 1 could thrive in the market-place, just like ITV will thrive. But at a programming price.

For young people, Radio 1 is as integral to the BBC's public service function as are television documentaries or Radio 4 to the oldies. At an annual cost of £37 million to the licence payer it is scarcely extravagant. If a slavish devotion to the free market is to remove it from the BBC's repertoire, we should be aware of the almost certain demise of a major contributor to British popular culture.

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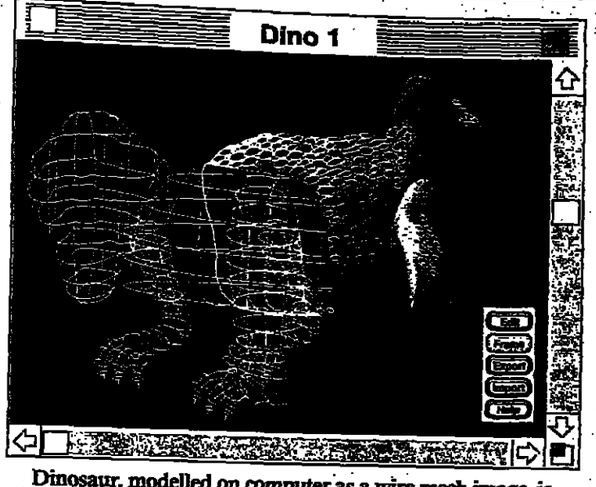
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Peter Bowles, achieving unassuming dignity in extremis in Rattigan's Separate Tables

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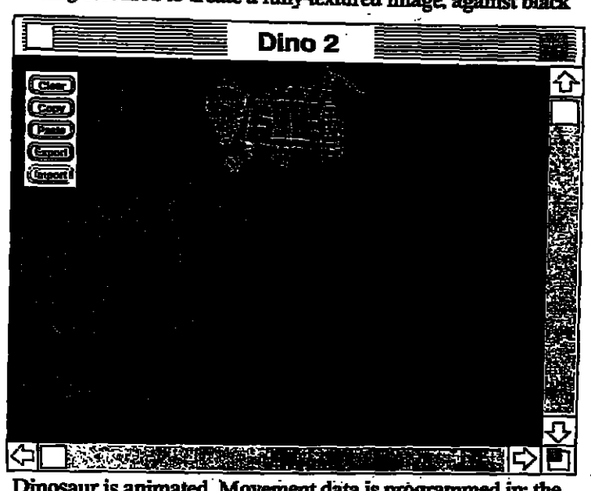
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Tchaikovsky's The Queen of Spades gets a tricksy but powerful student production



CINEMA: *Jurassic Park* represents a major breakthrough in computer animation. **Nigel Hawkes** reports



Dinosaur, modelled on computer as a wire-mesh image, is being coloured to create a fully-textured image, against black



Dinosaur is animated. Movement data is programmed in; the texture is automatically transferred from frame to frame



Animated images combine with live action. Film of action is digitised and fed into computer. Parts of the whole scene can be separately defined by outlining them on the screen. Then they can be manipulated so that one element is superimposed on another. Finally the digital image is converted back into film, frame by frame

Tyrannosaurus and chips

The film *Jurassic Park*, due to open in London next week, marks a first in movie-making. Not only has it set new standards in the black art of softening up the audience in advance, but it can also claim a major advance in a more substantial cinematic art.

For decades, monster movies from *King Kong* to *Godzilla* have depended on the skilful manipulation of models, or midgets in hairy suits, to create their effects. Often, tiny models filmed frame-by-frame and blown up large on the screen have done sterling service, but nobody could claim they achieved complete verisimilitude.

Steven Spielberg's first instinct with *Jurassic Park* was to follow the traditional methods, using full-size robot dinosaurs and stop-motion miniatures to create his effects. His good fortune was to begin production at a moment when the computer has finally made a breakthrough in the technology of animation.

As a result, many of the stunning dinosaur sequences in the film exist only as digital abstractions inside computers. They were created by Industrial Light and Magic, a leader in the field, using software written by a small British company based in Soho. When he saw the remarkable effects ILM could achieve, Spielberg cancelled all his plans for miniature puppets: a technique that has been central to special effects filming since *The Lost World* of 1925 now threatens to become as extinct as the dinosaurs.

Industrial Light and Magic was founded by George Lucas in 1975 to make special effects for *Star Wars*. Since then, it has won Oscars for movies including *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *E.T.*, and *Terminator 2*. For *Death Becomes Her*, ILM's computer-based techniques swivelled Meryl Streep's head around, a distinctly queasy moment, and drilled a hole through Goldie Hawn's stomach.

Jurassic Park goes even further.

The animators work at terminals made by the US company Silicon Graphics, and running a software program called Matador, provided by Parallax, a small company set up in 1990 by a group of British programmers. For *Jurassic Park*, 15 separate work-stations were in simultaneous use, as the animators worked on different sections of the film.

For some close-up shots, dinosaurs made of rubber and latex were constructed. But the finished film contains 54 sequences, totalling six and a half minutes, where the dinosaurs are entirely computer-generated.

Achieving reality in such sequences calls for great skill, powerful computer work-stations, and software able to perform near miraculous juggling of the images. The animators work on a "tablet" — a sloping surface rather like a desk-top — on which they draw with a pencil-like instrument. Anything they draw appears instantly on the screen and is recorded digitally in the computer memory.

To match the range of colour available in modern film, the animator can use 16.7 million different hues. The Parallax software includes a variety of "brushes" for achieving realistic effects, such as a smear of mud on a dinosaur's back. Shadows are important if the computerised images are to integrate seamlessly with actors and scenery filmed conventionally, so the software provides the animator with automatic perspective, indicating on the ground where the shadow should fall.

Gareth Griffith, managing director of Parallax, says: "You have to get everything right — the lighting, the shadow, the textures. It calls for a lot of artistic, creative skill."

Spielberg himself was determined to get the picture right. "I don't mind a letter from a 70-year-old paleontologist carping about some little detail, but I didn't want kids calling up and complaining that it wasn't real enough," he has said. He was convinced that computer animation could do the job two years ago after Steve Williams, an ILM animator, had spent two weeks creating Tyrannosaurus rex on his screen.

Williams was animation supervisor on *Terminator 2*, and produced the water monster in *The Abyss*. Working alone in his basement office, he created a ten-second sequence of a T Rex thundering across the screen. The lead animator, Stephen Fangmeier, then clothed the outlines with flesh to create a fully-realistic dinosaur. "You can see their skin move and their bellies sway," says Dennis Muren, senior effects supervisor at ILM. "Six months before, we didn't think we could do that."

> 'I didn't want kids calling up and complaining that it wasn't real enough'

Spielberg came to see the test and according to Muren, "went nuts". Palaeontologists shown the sequences were equally impressed. "We practically had to call an ambulance — to them it envisioned everything they thought," says Williams.

The Matador software creates a sense of motion in the same way as traditional animation. Film runs at 24 frames a second, but it is not necessary to draw each individual frame. The computer will "interpolate" between frames to produce a smooth movement, reducing the labour considerably.

To make the finished film, however, the computerised sequences have to be merged flawlessly with normal filmed sections showing actors moving, talking, and even reacting to dinosaurs they cannot see. To do this, the film is turned into digital signals so that it can be manipulated inside the computer and the dinosaur images combined with it — "a critical stage in creating the right effect," says Gareth Griffith.

To move the dinosaurs in front of some objects and behind others, masks or "mattes" can be produced. The dinosaurs are drawn against a black background. Some parts of the filmed images can be picked out electronically, then reassembled so that the animated dinosaurs disappear behind trees, for example.

Finally the result is turned back into film again. Now the actors mugging into empty space are combined with the computerised dinosaurs to create the finished illusion. More than half the dinosaur scenes in *Jurassic Park* are created in this way, with models being retained for some close-ups, and for scenes like the one in which a T Rex takes a bite out of a station wagon. Simulating this was more easily done with a robot, and there were also times when Spielberg wanted his actors to have a model on the set to react to.

That a British company has provided a major part of the software used by the animators in California is evidence that even if we can't make films, we can write programs. Nigel Hall, the sales director of Parallax, says that Matador has been sold to about 400 clients around the world. The first uses were in commercials, and television companies such as ITN have also bought the program.

"We were the first in the market," says Hall. "ILM saw the product at a US computer graphics show and bought it. There are five major US companies that would dearly like to have a product as good as ours, but I think we have a two-year lead. Our strength is the ability to understand what customers want, and then to produce it quickly."

Parallax have one customer in Prague, with four machines. They advertise for business in Los Angeles, do the animation work in Prague, and then return the finished job to California. Other clients for Parallax software include Canadian Broadcasting, Kodak in Los Angeles, and Granada in Britain. The company employs just six programmers, working from Soho offices.

Computer animation can do far more than create movie monsters. A couple of years ago, Pacific Data Image used it to create the extras in *The Babe*, a film about baseball player Babe Ruth. They needed 30,000 fans in period dress, but to save costs provided only 1,000, and filmed them in various parts of the stadium. The computer then assembled all the images together to create the illusion of a full stadium.

Technically, there is no reason why human actors should not be created within the computer: electronic Garbos and Monroes perfectly matching their originals. Classic films could be given new endings, an idea almost as repugnant to film buffs as "colourising" — adding colour to black and white movies.

"It's scary," Steve Williams admitted in an interview last year. "If you can duplicate the image you can animate it. The power of computer graphics will eventually allow the use of computer generated presidents, who have been dead for five years, giving a speech. When you are looking at TV, you won't know what is real and what is not."

New tale piece

ARTS BRIEFING

THE march of the Muppets through classic 19th-century novels continues. After *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, which opened last year with Michael Caine as Scrooge, the next project lined up for our diminutive wooden friends is to be *The Muppet Treasure Island*. Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and the rest will begin filming Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure story this autumn, and the film will be released next spring. No announcement yet, however, about the name of the (human) actor to play Long John Silver.

● AS THE arts world braces itself for an anticipated £5 million cut in public subsidy, a hitherto little-known local government officer finds herself in the thick of the battle. Jennifer Edwards, at present a senior policy officer with the London Borough of Camden, has been appointed the new director of that lively pressure group, the National Campaign for the Arts. She is no stranger to the dark and dangerous world of political infighting: a Westminster Labour councillor, she was formerly a campaigns officer for CND. She also sits on the board of the Wigmore Hall.

Last chance . . .

TONY Bevan has been compared with Stanley Spencer and Lucian Freud — primarily, it seems, because he specialises in the human figure. The show at the Whitechapel Art Gallery (071-377 0107) until Sunday covers Bevan's activities during the last five years, and features self-portraits, pictures of the artist's child, and, among others, a major polyptych called *The Meeting*. Some praise Bevan's work for being profoundly tied in with current social issues; others complain that his draughtsmanship is elementary and his approach to his subject-matter simplistic. The show offers a useful opportunity for making up one's own mind.

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TELEVISION REVIEW: Ray Gosling's look at adultery ends on a note of pragmatism

Confessing to past discretions

If you are going to be indiscreet, says Kate (an assertive woman in her late seventies whose own indiscretions were numerous), then all right, be indiscreet. "But be discreet about being indiscreet." Ray Gosling sits beside her listening and agreeing, his mouth slightly open in rapt attention, a rosy-cheeked, battered pixie of a man with hair you can't do a thing with, and an ugly brown-and-orange tank-top unravelling at the neck. This is the last of his four-part series, Adultery (BBC2), and he evidently knows precisely what Kate is getting at, because it is only the second time in four weeks that he has injected a personal note. "Honesty often does make people very unhappy," says Kate — meaning owning up to affairs. "Yes it does," agrees Gosling thoughtfully. "Very fashionable now, honesty. I'm not very keen on it myself."

If Gosling's self-styled "tour of people's heartache" has been building towards anything, it is this: that what the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve over. For weeks, people of all ages, genders and circumstance have told him how marriage founders on the rocks of humiliation and betrayal, while Gosling, seemingly puzzled, has urged, "But *why* couldn't you forgive? Why is it so important?" To reach the conclusion that confession is the true cruelty is not particularly profound (so it is all right as long as no one gets hurt?), but it is characteristically pragmatic of Gosling, and humane.

Gosling's great virtue is not his probe and analysis, in any case; his strength is that he listens blankly, registering polite surprise by simply repeating words, *as if to say hmmm*, that's food for thought, that is. "*I had an affair first*," says Joy. Gosling reacts. "*You* had an affair first." Another woman describes sitting shocked and alone at her kitchen table all night, wrestling with despair. "This table," suggests Gosling. "This table," she concedes. There is a pause. "Crying?" he asks. "Mm."

It sounds corny, but it is masterly. Gosling's respect for people as individuals gains him an intimacy which he exploits but doesn't betray. And when light relief is needed, he supplies it himself, by dressing like an older, moth-eaten version of a Bert Hardy street urchin; or by popping up in somebody's domestic setting, passing a plate of biscuits, pouring wine at a party, or up to his elbows in dish water. Last week's marvellous portrait of Lady Sarah Graham-Moon (theme of the week: "Revenge") had him doing work-outs with her, side by side on the multi-gym, asking questions about sex, while puffing.

The strange thing about the series was that somehow this huge momentous, profound hurt in people's lives proved hard to recapture. You kept thinking, surprisingly, why can't these people come to terms? In the end, too, I wasn't quite convinced that Gosling cares as much about these deep emotional issues as he does about class, or Englishness, or pigeon-fancying. But his deliberate but delicate interviewing is guaranteed to make absorbing television, and as long as you can resist the urge to say, "Look at the state of you, come here at once and let me fix that collar," you are welcome to sit back and think what you like.

Tony Harrison's Alzheimer's play, reviewed last week, was properly entitled *Black Daisies for the Bride*. For some reason, the *Times* reviewer (me) kept irritatingly referring to it as "Black *Poppies* for the Bride", which was stupid. This mistake having been brought to her attention, she apologises.

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SUNSET BOULEVARD: Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest musical, based on Billy Wilder's 1950s film, with Broadway star Patti Lupone playing Norma Desmond. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Previewing eves, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm; opens Mon.

CONTEMPORARY PAINTINGS AND PRINTS — THE PRINTMAKERS COUNCIL: The Printmakers Council is an association now celebrating its 25th year: its aim is to promote knowledge and understanding of printmaking processes and possibilities. The new exhibition is selected from submissions by the 500 members and includes paintings as well as prints in recognition that few printmakers exclude all other artistic activities.
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Symphony Hall, Broad Street. (021-212 3333), 7.30pm. Ⓢ

CHICHESTER: Harry Secombe dreams of ruling the world again in Pickwick, a revival of the Leslie Bricusse/Cyril Ornadel musical, directed by Patrick Garland. Opening night.
Festival, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

LEICESTER. Paul Kerryson's moneyspinning musical **Hot Stuff** returns again — said to be the last time — before touring. The weird world of only yesterday: glam rock and punk.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Opens Wed, 7.30pm: then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4.30pm. *Late night perfs on Fri and July* 15, 11pm.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm 195mins. Ⓢ

☐ **BACKSTROKE IN A CROWDED POOL.** Racial violence and animal life in Hounslow: uncertain at times but full of quirky promise.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm. 120mins

■ **THE CHANGELING:** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 180mins. Ⓢ

Ⓢ **CITY OF ANGELS.** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **COMEDIANS:** Tim Mcinnerny plays the bitter and rejected comic in a well-staged revival of Trevor Griffiths's play.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 155mins. Ⓢ

Ⓢ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, *mats Thurs*, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

☐ **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS.** *A tribute in* verse and song to Americans dead from Aids. Self-centred though sometimes poignant.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm. 120mins. Ⓢ

Ⓢ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins. Final week.

Ⓢ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 160mins.

☐ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:** Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. 190mins. Ⓢ

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN.** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Cassady, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE.** Subtle and *touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot* Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins. Ⓢ

Ⓢ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 95mins. Ⓢ

■ **OLEANNA:** David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college: passionate argument, riveting drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 8pm, *mat Sat*, 4pm. 130mins.

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE SUM OF US.** A well-performed Australian play about the tensions between a too-tolerant father and his gay son.
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (081-680 4060). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm. 120mins.

Ⓢ **TRANSLATIONS:** *British* mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18). Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031).

THE FENCING MASTER (12): Intrigue, romance and political unrest in 1860s Spain: a modest pleasure from director Pedro Olea. With Omero *Antonutti. Assumpta Serna.*
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
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Patricia Hodge and Peter Bowles: Rattigan's hardworking principals

KAREL Reisz's superb revival of *The Deep Blue Sea* raised the question last January, and Peter Hall's accomplished production of *Separate Tables* reiterates it. How are we to grade *Terence Rattigan* 15 years after his death? One side of me feels he merits an alpha, because he wrote with such understanding and sympathy of the humiliating urges that unsettle and sink seemingly rational beings. Another insists on a beta, because he was too keen on success in the West End marketplace to pursue the subject with the candour of, say, Tennessee Williams. It was hardly fair that he fell into critical disfavour when the angries came roaring and rampaging from their lairs in the late 1950s; but it was not wholly unfair, either.

Separate Tables consists of two short plays, each set in the same genteel Bournemouth hotel, each peopled with many of the same characters. At the Albery, that brings us Miriam Karlin as a brusque eccentric permanently immersed in the racing pages, Rachel Gurney as a wraith-like widow forlornly surviving on a fixed income, Charlotte Cornwell as a hotel proprietor with a secret sadness in her commonsensical heart, and Rosemary Leach as a human juggernaut, a great, heaving bully called Mrs Railton-Bell. They and the rest of the supporting cast, down to Kate O'Malley as a comic maid, play with skill and wit enough to conceal the relative thinness of their roles.

Nor are the starring parts a lot thicker in the first of the plays, *Table By The Window*. One is a Labour politician who, having served a prison sentence for GBH, has somewhat implausibly gone into hiding under an assumed name among the retired schoolmasters and lady gossips of Bournemouth. The other is the cause of his disgrace, the wife he half-killed, an aging model in despair after yet another marriage and divorce. Peter Bowles, growling and boozily weaving about the stage, and Patricia Hodge, gravely melancholic in her elegant black dress, work hard to suggest that these are sad, self-destructive people who find it impossible to live either with or without each other; but they never quite shake the plot free of an unreality verging at its hairier moments on melodrama.

Table Number Seven is another matter. At the two plays' premiere in 1954 it seemed much the stronger, and it does so still. Bowles abandons his rumpled tweed for a natty blazer and his rough, man-of-the-people manner for parody blimpishness, and Hodge makes an even more impressive switch, successfully dwindling into Mrs Railton-Bell's wan, oppressed daughter. He is a phoney major who has been convicted of fumbling at women in a cinema, and she is the chronic neurotic who defies her prurient, vindictive mother by remaining his friend. In extremis, both performers achieve a dignity that could seem forced or sentimental, but in fact has been prepared for by the unassuming inwardness of their acting.

The Deep Blue Sea reaches further into the heart, intestines, bowels, or wherever its author thought the more unruly emotions had their seat. But *Table Number Seven* is well worth seeing too. It is Rattigan's tribute to what Tennessee Williams once called "that little company of the faded and frightened and difficult and odd and shy and lonely", and, as this revival confirms, it is one that grips and touches still.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Trips of the tongue

Terminal Hip
ICA, The Mall

THE American solo performer, Stephen Mellor, is a screwball in a business suit. This man is stark staring and raving mad, right round the twist and out of his tree. "Foaming men till the eastward pluck of yawn," Mellor sagely informs us, looking us straight in the eye and obviously chuffed with his preceding *aperçu*: "Free for all, and the last one to the bank on cheese got chimp doilies." We are talking bananas.

Actually, Mellor has all his wits about him. His performance at the *Institute of Contemporary Arts* is exquisitely engineered vocally and physically, full of humour, charismatic and perfectly paced. A human cartoon at times, he can fast-talk a whole speech into one long word. His outsize hands unnervingly have a life of their own. Double-jointed fingers flex endlessly like a couple of pink predatory spiders, and his overlong arms swing around slightly apishly. He is a little man with something of Woody Allen's winning anti-heroism. Unthinkable though it is, beetling around with his wiry black hair and serious spectacles, Mellor looks alarmingly like Bernard Levin on acid.

To be honest, anyone could have composed Mac Wellman's text which is a stream of words selected at random and with occasional traces of grammatical constructs. A biblical phrase pops up among American slang. Snatches of poetry fraternise with the linguistic junk food of adverts, sales pitches and media buzzwords.

The gobbledegook can get tiresome, but staging such a monologue takes some gall and, in performance, it proves surprisingly amusing and suggestive. Wellman's directing also mostly avoids monotony by crisp mood changes and with a strong lighting design: white spots; psychedelic splashes; and a crankily off-kilter table which lights up from inside.

The meaninglessness of Wellman's writing is also part of his message. He is satirising America's bad language. Leaning forwards across his desk, talking garbage with seeming sincerity, Mellor has the air of an American president. Simultaneously, his talk sounds like a hard-sell routine in incomprehensible corporate jargon. The jumble of words whizzing by also evokes the experience of, say, venturing out in urban America — a confusion of billboards, shop signs and sound bites from conversations — or even the information overload of a simple evening in, scanning tabloid headlines while the television blares out anything from jingles about pine fresh ant-killer powder to rants by panda-obsessed zoologists.

KATE BASSETT

STUDENT OPERA

Almost too many tricks

The Queen of Spades
RCM

TCHAIKOVSKY's and Pushkin's Herman, obsessed and obsessive lover-gambler of *The Queen of Spades* is, one might think, quite enough of a pain in his own present tense without inflicting his omnipresent past on the audience as well. But that is what Malcolm Fraser (erstwhile of the *Buxton Festival, now resident in the* United States) chose to do in a new production for the London Royal Schools' Vocal Faculty end-of-term show, at the Royal College of Music.

Fraser takes his cue from the final Pushkin image of Herman in a mental hospital, muttering "three, seven, ace!" over and over again. The opera is a deranged recollection of the events that led to his ruin; and he is of course there, rocking, jibbering and twitching (when he is not singing) to watch it all.

Children play behind the gauze; Lisa's Act I love aria sees her entwined between the white wedding veils which process from the wings. And the Act II ball (skeletal masks and orthodox priest as MC) is a nightmare memory of the Countess's funeral.

The score stands up well enough to the treatment. The "three cards!" refrain certainly recurs often enough to drive the sanest hero batty, and the preludes hold within them enough of the shudderings of the subconscious to support their materialisation.

Whether yet another "concept" production of *The Queen of Spades* actually helps the students whom it serves is another question. With its abstract St Petersburg scenery, complex stage machinery (Roger Butlin) and its heavy, elaborate costumes (Fay Conway) this production sets out to impress rather than facilitate.

The young cast already had the considerable burden of learning a highly demanding score, and in Russian, too. Their own response to it, and their burgeoning stage skills in articulating that response, would surely have been freed by a simpler production.

As it is, the three principals give extraordinarily powerful performances. In the first cast (appearing again tomorrow) James Barrett is a totally committed and vocally resilient Herman. Prince Yeletsky is sung with the lithe and elegant baritone of James Lawrence, and Susannah Glanville is tireless, highly charged and vocally accomplished as Lisa. Violetka Ivanova's Countess, midway between an aging Elizabeth I and Lindsay Kemp, bald and in feather boa, is properly terrifying. Michael Rosewell conducts an orchestra and chorus who have never sounded in better health.

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1. Section 8 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 should be amended to enable research into juries' reasons.
2. There should be further research to establish how far members of ethnic minority communities suffer discrimination within the criminal justice system.
3. A system of ethnic monitoring should be introduced to establish how minorities are treated and to identify measures needed to ensure that the rules, procedures and practices of the criminal justice system are applied in the same way to all.

Police investigations

☐ **Identification evidence**

4. Police should record description of suspect as first given by a potential witness and this disclosed to defence at the earliest possible opportunity.
5. Before an identification parade police should provide suspect's solicitor with the description given of the offender by witnesses due to attend.
6. Colour photographs or video recordings should be taken of all identification parades.
7. Jury should be warned by judge to take account of the evidence of witnesses who do not identify the suspect, although they may have had the same opportunity of recognising him as witnesses who make a positive identification.
8. Purpose-built suites for identification parades should be extended to all major urban areas.

☐ **Interviewing of witnesses and suspects**

9. Present guidance on treatment of victims in rape and domestic violence should be extended to a wider range of witnesses and cases.
10. Police training should stress the special needs of distressed victims and witnesses and equip officers with the necessary skills to handle them with tact and sympathy.
11. New national training in interviewing skills in Home Office Circular 22/1992, andCircular 7/1993 should, so far as practicable, be given to allofficers.
12. Code C of PACE should be examined with a view to it specifying the minimum length of breaks between interviews. This should be kept under review.

☐ **Power to require or request samples**

13. Power to take a sample of hair, other than pubic hair, without consent should extend to plucked as well as cut hair.
14. Saliva should be reclassified as a non-intimate sample for section 65 of PACE so that mouth swabs may be taken without consent in accordance with section 63.
15. Police and other investigators should have power to remove substances retained in the mouth of a suspect.
16. Section 65 of PACE should be amended so that dental impressions are classified as intimate samples.
17. Where a suspect agrees to provide an intimate sample not involving a serious arrestable offence, the police should be permitted to have it taken.
18. Where a suspect declines to supply an intimate or non-intimate sample in cases other than serious arrestable offences, the courts should be able to draw such inferences from the refusal as they think fit andtreat the refusal as corroboration.
19. The power to take non-intimate samples without consent should be extended by a reclassification of certain offences as serious arrestable offences.
20. Police should have power to take without consent non-intimate samples for DNA analysis from those arrested for serious criminal offences, whether or not DNA evidence is relevant. It should be permissible for relevant DNA data to be retained if the person is convicted. Retention on a frequency data base should be allowed.
21. There should be clear legislative provision for more extensive storage of DNA data both for identifying offenders and for keeping a frequency data base overseen by an independent body.

☐ **Police questioning after charge**

22. The questioning of suspects after charge should be permissible provided the usual caution is repeated, and that the person charged has the opportunity of consulting a solicitor free of charge before and of having that solicitor present.

☐ **Scientific and technical aids**

23. Timetable for the introduction of a national computerised fingerprint recognition system should be accelerated.

☐ **Supervision of investigations**

24. Sufficient computer terminals should be provided to ensure the Home Office Large Major Enquiries System (HOLMES) can be used in any investigations.
25. Reviews of selected major investigations should be conducted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary assisted by officers from another force.
26. Policy files should be opened for all major enquiries. These should set out format and direction of the enquiry, outline decisions on its scope, give reasons for discontinuing any lines of enquiry, and record restrictions imposed on resource grounds.
27. Following major investigations there should be a full debriefing involving all parties so that future investigations can benefit from experience gained.
28. Job descriptions should be drawn up for supervising ranks of the police service. Sergeants should work as supervisors as well as having their own caseloads, and detective sergeants should be held accountable for performance of detective constables under their supervision.
29. There should be an overhaul of detective training with particular emphasis on mistakes most commonly made during investigations and how they can be avoided.
30. Police forces should put their methods of selecting officers for CID on a more formal basis linked to clear job descriptions.
31. Police performance should not be assessed unduly on the basis of arrest or conviction rates. Performance measures should be based on quality of work.
32. All forces should put in place a "helpline". It should be possible to report alleged misconduct, confidentially, direct to HM Inspectorate of Constabulary.
33. All forces should issue officers with notebooks containing fixed pages numbered sequentially.

☐ **Investigation of serious and complex fraud**

34. Director of SFO should be able to authorise the use of powers under section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 by officers. The prohibition in section 2(11) should be removed.
35. It should be possible for section 2 powers to be exercised in assisting other countries' agencies in the investigation of fraud overseas.
36. A study of the feasibility of merging the SFO and the CPS's Fraud Investigation Group should be initiated.

☐ **Other investigative agencies**

37. Recommendations on investigation of crime and on safeguards for suspects should apply to all agencies with a responsibility for the investigation of crime.

Safeguards for suspects

☐ **Safeguards for interviewing outside the police station**

38. The definition of interview in Code C Note 11A should be clarified to remove apparent confusion as to what constitutes an interview.
39. If the experimentin Essex demonstrates the feasibility of tape-recording exchanges between suspects and officers outside the police station, extensions to PACE codes should be considered to cover what should be permissible between arrest outside the police station and arrival at it.
40. Whenever a confession has allegedly been made outside the station, whether recorded or not, it should be put to the suspect at the beginning of any taped interview at the station, after the suspect has had an opportunity of consulting a solicitor in private.

☐ **Safeguards inside the police station**

(i) Establishing proper grounds for detention

41. Code C should be amended to clarify whether custody officer has discretion to invite suspect to comment on arresting officer's account or on whether there should be further detention, and if so whether such exchanges are an interview under PACE.

(ii) Detention time limits

42. Section 50 of PACE should be amended to ensure that information is available on the numbers arrested and, of these, the numbers subsequently charged, and on periods for which all are detained.

(iii) The role of the custody officer

43. The custody officer should continue to be at least the rank of sergeant. The use of acting sergeants should be kept to an absolute minimum.
44. The possibility of clerical and administrative duties being delegated to civilians under control of custody officer should be explored.
45. In addition to present training provided to all newly promoted sergeants, further dedicated training should be given if there is a significant gap between general training and taking up of custody officer duties.
46. Station commanders should be trained for management and supervision of custody officers and arresting and investigating officers to ensure separation of these roles.
47. There should be centralisation of custody functions and their provision as a separate service.
48. Code C should be redrafted to include recognition of difficulties that sometimes make it impracticable to apply itimmediately.
49. All forces should introduce computerisation of the custody record process to a national standard, to be monitored by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary.
50. Continuous video recording (including sound) of the custody office, the passages and stairways leading to the cells, and if feasible, the cell passage and the doors of cells of all police stations designated as suitable for detaining suspects, should be introduced.
51. Suspects should be made aware cameras in custody suites are on, but should not have the right to require them to be switched off.
52. The simplified version of the notice to detained persons in Commission's Research Study No. 17 should be tested under real conditions.

(iv) Interpreters

53. A fully qualified interpreter, independently employed by the suspect, should be used when the suspect is instructing solicitor.
54. Only fully qualified interpreters should be used for interviews with the deaf. More funds should be made available to train and pay interpreters on similar scales to those that apply elsewhere.
55. Deaf suspects suffering from other difficulties should always receive full protection of the "appropriate adult" arrangements.

(v) Provision of legal advice

56. Custody forms should be amended so that waiver of the right to consult a solicitor privately is achieved by alternative boxes which must be ticked in addition to signature.
57. When a suspect waives his right to legal advice this should be recorded on tape at custody desk if video recording is introduced.
58. In addition to reminding the suspect at the tape-recorded interview of his right to free legal advice, the officer should, if the suspect has declined such advice, ask him to give reasons.
59. Suspects who decline legal advice should be given opportunity of speaking to duty solicitor on the telephone. If they decline this, or speak to solicitor but maintain their decision, this should be recorded on the custody record and repeated on tape at any subsequent tape-recorded interview.
60. Paragraph (vb)(ii) of Code C should be amended so as to require an inspector or above, before agreeing to the interview beginning or continuing, to enquire into the reasons for the suspect's change of mind and enter these in the custody record form. Alternatively, the officer should ensure that the suspect is asked what his reasons are for the change of mind at the beginning or recommencement of the tape-recorded interview.
61. Solicitors should see and be given a copy of the custody record as it then stands on arrival at the station and be given an updated copy when they leave. Unrepresented suspects should be given a copy on request.
62. Solicitors should be able to hear the tapes of any interviews with their clients before the solicitor's arrival and should be given a copy of the tape after charge.
63. Code C should be amended to encourage police to inform the solicitor of the general nature of the case and the *prima facie* evidence.
64. Police training should include instruction in the role solicitors are properly expected to play in the system.
65. The Law Society should ensure that "Advising the Client at the Police Station" becomes more widely known, better understood, and more consistently acted upon.
66. Steps should be taken to make "own" solicitors subject to the same standards as duty solicitors. They should satisfy the Legal Aid Board that they are fit and proper persons to offer legal advice at police stations.
67. The Law Society should consider monitoring the performance of own solicitors engaged outside the legal aid arrangements.
68. The training, education, supervision and monitoring of all legal advisers who operate at police stations should be reviewed.
69. The Legal Aid Board should commission empirical research forchecking the quality of performance of legal advisers at police stations.

(vi) Recording of interviews

70. Further research should be carried out on whether video recording of interviews should be more widespread.

(vii) Summaries of police interviews ("interview records")

71. The Home Office in consultation with other interested parties should explore options set out in paragraph 79 of chapter three to establish the best method of producing interview records for the future.

(viii) Appropriate adults

72. There should be a review of the role, functions, qualifications, training and availability of appropriate adults.
73. The working party conducting this review should formulate a rule governing the status of information passed by a suspect to an appropriate adult.

(ix) Police surgeons

74. A working party on police surgeons should be set up to consider the need for a coordinating body, for centres of excellence at universities, appropriate training and standards, the role of psychiatry, fees payable, the availability and use of psychiatric nurses.
75. There should be experiments to determine whether duty psychiatrist schemes would be appropriate at police stations in city centres. Every police station should have arrangements for calling upon psychiatric help.

(x) Police discipline

76. Acquittal in a criminal court should no longer be a bar to disciplinary proceedings on the same facts. Such proceedings should be capable of resulting in dismissal where the officer's conduct shows that he is unsuitable.
77. Disciplinary hearings should be less closely aligned to criminal proceedings. The standard of proof should not be criminal.
78. If the facts justify it, an officer should be subject to disciplinary proceedings notwithstanding pending civil proceedings.
79. An officer dismissed following adisciplinary hearing should have the right to seek damages for wrongful dismissal in lieu of the present appeal.
80. Arrangements should be made to ensure that criticisms of police conduct by a court are passed on to the force concerned.
81. Reliable national statistics about disciplinary matters, including breaches of PACE, should be collected and recorded by all forces.

"Right of silence" and confession evidence

☐ **Police questioning**

82. The majority believe adverse inferences should not be drawn from silence at the police station and recommend retaining the present caution and trial direction.
83. In the majority's view, it is only when the prosecution case has been fully disclosed that defendants should be required to answer the charges at the risk of adverse comment at trial on any new defence or any departure from the defence previously disclosed.

☐ **Serious and complex fraud**

84. Investigators in serious fraud cases should retain existing powers to require answers to questions.

☐ **Existing safeguards against unreliable confessions**

85. When PACE is next revised attention should be given to the fact section 77 is limited to "mentally handicapped" and not "mentally ill" or other "mentally disordered" and is inconsistent with other provisions.
86. The decision in *Galbraith* should be reversed so that a judge may stop any case if the prosecution evidence is unsafe or unsatisfactory or too weak to be allowed to go to the jury.

☐ **Admissibility of confession evidence**

87. Whenever a confession has allegedly been made outside the station, whether taped or not, it should be put to the suspect at the first taped interview at the station. Failure may render the confession inadmissible, but if not confirmed on tape, it should not automatically be inadmissible.
88. An alleged confession to other than an investigating official should go before the jury even if not taped, provided it meets the tests in PACE and the judge, after *Galbraith* reversed, believes the jury could safely consider it.

☐ **Corroboration of confessions**

89. There should be a judicial warning where confession evidence involved. The terms should depend on the circumstances. If possible for confession to be admitted without supporting evidence, jury should be warned great care is needed before convicting.
90. The majority believe that, where a confession is credible, and has passed tests in PACE, the jury should consider it even absent other evidence. The judge should give a strong warning. Other evidence the jury should look for should be supporting evidence in the *Turnbull* sense.

The prosecution

☐ **Present performance of the CPS**

91. CPS systems for internal review of quality assessment of case handling should include communication to CPS lawyers of comments of senior prosecuting counsel, and judges faced with poor CPS performance.
92. Reorganise allocation of CPS staff to uncontested cases to ensure that lawyers are only used on tasks for which their skills are required.

☐ **Relationship with police at investigative stage**

93. Police should seek advice of CPS at investigation stage in appropriate cases in accordance with guidelines to be agreed.

☐ **The institution of criminal proceedings**

94. Police should be given power of releasing suspects on conditional bail.

☐ **Power to require the police to make further enquiries**

95. Where chief officer of police reluctant to investigate further before decision on discontinuance taken, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in conjunction with DPP should resolve dispute.

☐ **Discontinuance of criminal proceedings**

96. Where case to be discontinued the CPS should take decision in time to save defendant, victim and other witnesses from need to attend court.
97. The CPS should be given power to discontinue proceedings up to beginning of trial in both magistrates' courts and Crown Court.
98. When counsel is briefed, he should inform CPS in writing that there is a realistic prospect of conviction, or that further evidence is required, or that it should be discontinued or no evidence offered.
99. The Bar should ensure machinery exists at chambers for allocating cases to appropriately experienced counsel and for ensuring counsel provides advice in good time.

☐ **Relationships with counsel**

100. Lord Justice Farquharson should be invited to reconvene committee to see if there is need for refinement of the 1986 guidelines on CPS relationships with prosecution counsel.

☐ **Victims and other witnesses**

101. Victims should be kept informed of progress and outcome of cases, including decisions not to prosecute and results of bail applications or successful appeals.
102. Where views of victims are not apparent the CPS should take steps to ascertain them before decisions are taken, particularly in bail cases.
103. The CPS and police should agree categories in which police should provide information to CPS on whether and why the victim would object to bail application.
104. CPS should pass information to victims or witnesses direct rather than through police.
105. Particular care and continuing involvement of police recommended where victim fears for personal safety because defendant about to be released on bail or after appeal.
106. CPS lawyers should meet victims and key witnesses before trial whenever there is reason for checking any part of the evidence. Particularly important, prosecution advocates should confer with expert witnesses.
107. The majority consider the prohibition on barristers interviewing witnesses before trial other than own client or an expert should be abolished.

☐ **Time limits**

108. Effectiveness of time limits on preparation of cases by police and CPS should be closely monitored.

☐ **Diversion**

109. Police cautioning should be governed by statute, under which guidelines should be laid down in regulations.
110. CPS should require police in lieu of prosecution to administer a caution, provided that defendant admits the offence.
111. There should be an examination of combining caution with requirement to co-operate with social work agencies or probation service or to agree to consult doctor or attend a clinic.
112. Subject to evaluation of public interest case assessment schemes, these should be put on a systematic basis and extended across the country.
113. Fines on Scottish model but with a range instead of one level of fine should be introduced in England and Wales instead of prosecution in appropriate cases.

Pre-trial procedures in crown court

☐ **Mode of trial**

114. In either way offences the defendant should no longer have right to insist on trial by jury. Where CPS and defendant agree case is suitable for summary trial, it should proceed to magistrates' court. Itshould go to Crown Court if both prosecution and defence agree it should be tried on indictment. Where defence do not agree with CPS, the matter should be referred to magistrates.
115. Legislation should refer to various matters (including potential loss of reputation) which magistrates should take into account in determining mode of trial.

☐ **Committal proceedings**

116. Committal hearings should be abolished.
117. Where defendant makes a submission of no case, it should be considered on paper, although defence should be able to advance oral argument in support and prosecution should be able to reply. Witnesses should not be called.
118. In indictable only cases submissions of no case should be decided by Crown Court. In either way cases the responsibility should fall to stipendiary magistrates.
119. There should be time limits, from the moment defence receive the prosecution's case, for making submissions of no case.
120. When committal proceedings are abolished, bail applications should be made to magistrates until the Crown Court becomes seized of the case.
121. CPS should check before trial that witnesses are likely to attend, and should be alert to any indication that witnesses might have changed their minds about the evidence they intend to give. The trial judge should ask prosecution counsel to explain why CPS failed to alert the court if a trial is abandoned because of the failure of a witness to appear, or because a witness has indicated a change of mind.

☐ **Prosecution disclosure**

122. As laid down in *Johnson, Davis and Rowe* for disclosure of sensitive information, prosecution should apply for ruling of the court on non-disclosure of sensitive material not covered by public interest immunity.
123. Cases where disclosure of sensitive material is an issue should only be dealt with by High Court judges or nominated circuit judges. Such judges should be designated as duty judges to hear *ex parte* applications. The judge who decides the application should conduct the trial.
124. Where sensitivity is not in issue the prosecutionshould supply to the defence copies of all material relevant to the offence or offender or surrounding circumstances, whether or not the prosecution intend to rely upon that material.
125. Prosecution should inform defence at this stage of any other material obtained during the enquiry into the offence.
126. Requests for further disclosure by defence should be on likely relevance defence disclosed.In dispute the matter can be referred to the court.
127. The general framework for prosecution disclosure should be laid down in primary legislation, with detailed procedures to be governed by appropriate subordinate legislation or codes of practice. Such codes should be published in draft to give scope for consultation.
128. Those involved in prosecution disclosure should sign a certificate that to the best of their knowledge and belief they have discharged their responsibilities.
129. Provision for exceptions to disclosure requirements should include the need to protect *bona fide* research.
130. The prosecution should disclose to the defence records of adverse disciplinary proceedings against a police officer but only in so far as those are relevant to an allegation about the officer's conduct in the current case.
131. The prosecution should no longer disclose acquittals following evidence given by a police officer who, apparently, has been disbelieved by the jury.

☐ **Defence disclosure**

132. All but one believe there should be an extension of defence disclosure.
133. Any defence disclosed in advance of trial should not be disclosed to the jury until that defence, or an alternative, is advanced at trial.
134. Those who intend to contest charges should disclose their defence in advance of trial or indicate they will not be calling evidence but will simply be arguing the prosecution has failed to make out its case.
135. If the prosecution considers the defence disclosure unsatisfactory, it should apply to the court for a ruling.
136. Where defendants put a defence at trial without providing the substance of their case, or where the explanation at trial is different from one given in advance or where defendants disclose mutually exclusive alternative defences, the prosecution should, with the leave of the judge, invite the jury to draw adverse inferences. The circumstances should also be subject to comment by the judge in the summing up.
137. If there are good reasons for a departure by the defence from the case advanced before trial it should be open to the court to rule that no adverse comment should be permitted.
138. A defendant who has not disclosed a defence should not be entitled to further disclosure from the prosecution, beyond what is the prosecution's initial duty to disclose, except in rare cases where he is able to satisfy the court of its relevance.

☐ **Pre-trial reviews/preparatory hearings**

139. All but one believe there should be procedures for clarifying and defining the issues in advance of the jury's being empanelled. In less complex cases an exchange of papers should be sufficient. In more complex caseseither party should require a preparatory hearing in front of a judge to secure rulings. The court should direct that such a hearing take place.
140. The preparatory hearing should be part of the trial.
141. Practice directions should be issued that in trials estimated more than a certain length there should be a preparatory hearing.
142. Pre-trial procedures should be in practice directions and rules of court. Breaches should be subject to comment by the court, to costs sanctions and to disciplinary action.
143. Guides to best practice in the Crown Court should set out the times within which papers should be delivered to counsel and for counsel to deal with them.
144. Within time limits the parties should be certify they have discussed the case and with what result. Where no preparatory hearing is needed, such "certificates of readiness" should record that fact, contain an estimate of the likely length, indicate dates to be avoided, and similar matters. Penalties in costs should be employed for failure to comply.
145. The court should oversee the progress of cases and intervene to speed up the process where necessary.
146. Where a solicitor reports he has been unable to comply through inability to obtain instructions, the case should be listed for mention. If the defendant does not then attend, a warrant for his arrest should be issued.
147. A judge at a preparatory hearing should be empowered to rule on any question as to admissibility of evidence and any other question of law. There should be no right of appeal except on the ground a ruling is wholly unreasonable.
148. In the small number of cases in which disclosure, severance or admissibility is sensitive and likely to be of critical significance, the trial judge should be nominated as soon as the CPS have alerted the court and should take over management of the case right through to the conclusion of trial.
149. The trial judge should be bound by orders or rulings made by the judge at the preparatory hearing and counsel should be prohibited from seeking to reopen any matter decided at that hearing.
150. The Bar and the Law Society should enforce appropriate rules to ensure the solicitor delivers the brief in good time, and that the barrister advises promptly on preparatory steps.
151. Solicitors should name counsel on the brief whenever possible. Where they do not, the barristers' clerk should allocate it after consultation with instructing solicitors as soon as the brief arrives.
152. The Bar Council should make rules requiring effective internal management systems in chambers to ensure that briefs are read within a specified time and that, if a barrister will be unable to present the case, it is reassigned promptly. Failure should lead to judges imposing sanctions in costs or reporting the barrister to the Professional Conduct Committee of the Bar.
153. Fee scales for counsel should be revised to provide proper remuneration at the pre-trial stage and to provide sufficient incentive to achieve the proper balance between preparatory work and advocacy.
154. Counsel should be required, on being given a brief, to certify that they have read it within a specified time.
155. There must be sanctions against poor performance or limited co-operation by defence lawyers. Heads of chambers must take measures to prevent counsel being allocated more cases than they can handle at one time.

☐ **Sentence discounts, "cracked" trials, sentence "canvass" and "plea bargaining"**

156. The system of sentence discounts should be more clearly articulated, with earlier pleas attracting higher discounts.
157. At the request of defence counsel on instructions, judges should indicate the highest sentence that they would impose at that point on the basis of the facts.
158. The sentence canvass should take place in the judge's chambers with both sides represented by counsel. A shorthand writer should be present, but, if not, a member of the court staff should take a note to be agreed immediately by the judge and both counsel.
159. If the case cannot immediately be concluded but comes back before the same judge, he should have a note of the sentence indication. If new information has come to light justifying a heavier sentence the judge should warn counsel so that the defendant can reconsider his contemplated plea.
160. If the case comes back before a different judge, he should be made aware of the earlier indication. It would be undesirable for the second judge to impose a heavier sentence unless new facts justified such a course. Again, the defendant should be advised.
161. Discussions on the level of charge (charge bargaining) should take place as early as possible to minimise the need for cases to be listed as contested trials.
162. The privileges enjoyed by unconvicted prisoners should be extended to convicted prisoners awaiting sentence.
163. The policy of offering sentence discounts should be kept under review in order to monitor its impact on the ethnic minority communities.

☐ **Application to cases of serious fraud**

164. Unless there are features which make it sensible to retain sections 4-6 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987, the arrangements for transfer proceedings in certain fraud cases should be replaced by the procedures recommended for the generality of cases.
165. If sections 4-6 of the 1987 Act are retained, they should be amended so that cases that are serious *or* complex become amenable to the transfer procedures.
166. The legislation should be changed to require more detailed advance disclosure from the defence in serious fraud cases.
167. Arrangements to allow for regulatory rather than criminal penalties should be introduced.
168. The trial judge should have power to grant a legal aid certificate at the preparatory hearing in a serious fraud case.
169. It should be possible for the defence to obtain an extension to a legal aid certificate in advance of the defendant's first appearance.
170. Reporting restrictions on interlocutory rulings should be relaxed, enabling any matter of general relevance to be reported while continuing to restrict the publication of material that might have a prejudicial effect on the case or related cases.
171. Preliminary meetings in advance of the preparatory hearing should be considered.

☐ **Legal aid**

172. The scheme recommended by the Lord Chancellor's Department's legal aid efficiency scrutiny in 1986 for the collection of the defendant's contribution should be further explored.
173. The Lord Chancellor's Department's taxing division should be set a target of paying 75% of each legal aid claim immediately, with any overpayment being recovered from future claims.
174. Legal aid fees should be kept under review to ensure their adequacy in attracting sufficient numbers of solicitors, trained to present cases in the magistrates' courts. Performance should be kept under review.
175. Subject to rules (see recommendation 285) as to what the defence can and cannot do, the defence should be free to instruct their own experts in the knowledge that reimbursement will be made promptly in full.

The trial

☐ **Conduct of the trial**

(i) Indictments

176. The judiciary and practitioners should be consulted about the Law Commission's proposals for particularised indictments.

(ii) Opening the trial

177. Prosecution counsel's opening speech should be no longer than 15 minutes unless the judge gives leave.
178. Opening speeches should be restricted to an explanation of the issues involved. There should be a rule of best practice that they only refer to the evidence the prosecution are going to call or to matters of law if this is essential to the jury's understanding of what is to follow.
179. The defence should be permitted to make their opening speech immediately following the prosecution opening speech whenever desirable.

(iii) Examination and cross-examination of witnesses

180. Where it seems to the judge that, as a result of time wasting tactics by counsel, the trial has unreasonably exceeded its estimated length, there should be a power to order a reduction in counsel's fees, subject to a right of appeal, or to suggest to the taxing officer that counsel's legal aid claim be critically examined.
181. A rule similar in effect to Rule 403 of the US Federal Rules of Evidence should be introduced to enable judges to exclude evidence that, although relevant, may confuse the issues, mislead the jury, cause undue delay, waste time, or lead to needless presentation of cumulative evidence.
182. Judges should act firmly to control bullying and intimidatory tactics on the part of counsel (see also recommendation 201).
183. Where a defendant representing himself has been excluded from the courtroom because of unreasonably obstructive behaviour an *amicus curiae* should be appointed if appropriate.

(iv) Formal admissions

184. As in section 10 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, matters not in dispute should be reduced to writing before trial and read out by counsel as an agreed statement. Where this is not done judges should impose penalties in costs or recommend a reduction in legal aid.

(v) Power of judge to call witnesses etc

185. Judges should be prepared to ask counsel why a witness has not been called and, if appropriate, urge counsel to rectify the situation. In the last resort judges must call the witness themselves.

(vi) Close of case

186. Closing speeches should not exceed 30 minutes.
187. Judges should not give a summary of the evidence for and against the prosecution case in every case.
188. The Bar's code should make it clear that defence counsel has a duty to intervene where the judge has overlooked or misinterpreted a legal matter.

☐ **Hearsay evidence**

189. Hearsay evidence should be admitted to a greater extent than at present. But before the present rules are relaxed, the issues should be examined by the Law Commission.

☐ **Evidence of co-defendants**

190. Where more than one defendant is accused of the same offence the presumption should be in favour of a single trial, with the existing safeguards being rigorously applied by the judge.

☐ **Previous convictions**

191. The admissibility of evidence relating to the defendant's previous convictions should not be restricted to cases where there is a "striking similarity" in the evidence; the rule should be considered by the Law Commission as part of our recommended review of the law of evidence.
192. When a defendant admits the basic facts alleged by the prosecution and the question is only one of knowledge or intent, the fact that he or she has previous similar convictions should be made known to the jury.
193. If the defendant attacks the reputation or character of a prosecution witness, he or she should be open to similar attack from the prosecution unless the judge is satisfied that the imputations made by the defendant against the prosecution evidence are central to the defence.
194. If a defendant without going into the witness box attacks the credibility of a prosecution witness, it should be possible for the prosecution, after the conclusion of the defence case, to lead, with the leave of the court, evidence of the defendant's previous convictions.

☐ **Corroboration**

195. The corroboration rules should be abolished as recommended by the Law Commission. Where a warning from the judge is required, this should be tailored to the particular circumstances of the case.

☐ **Victims and other witnesses**

196. Everything possible should be done to ensure that waiting and other facilities for victims and witnesses are adequate, that they are protected from intimidation and that in all other ways they are given the support and encouragement that many will need.
197. Priority should be given to establishing witness support schemes in all Crown Court centres.
198. It should be possible for a friend or supporter of a witness to be admitted to the body of the court though not to the witness box.
199. The majority of us consider that defence barristers should be allowed to meet witnesses before the trial, particularly where the witnesses may be distressed or vulnerable.
200. Where the case is known to be a sensitive one and the victim may be in a distressed or vulnerable state, the case should wherever possible be given a fixed date for hearing.
201. Judges should be particularly vigilant to check unfair and intimidatory cross-examination of witnesses who are likely to be distressed or vulnerable.
202. Where this is not already being done, judges should explain to the jury the reasons for using screens or video links in cases involving child witnesses.
203. Witnesses who do not wish to have their addresses read out in court should be allowed to hand them into court or be able to use accommodation addresses, with the leave of the judge.
204. Greater use should be made of section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 to enable statements of witnesses other than the defendant to be read out where the witness is afraid to give oral evidence.
205. There should be guidelines for judges to follow when deciding whether or not to exercise their discretion to allow a witness to remain anonymous. Where this is an issue, it should be resolved in the course of the pre-trial procedures.
206. At the conclusion of cases that involve sexual offences, victims' statements should be returned to the instructing solicitor.
207. A power should be vested in the judge to prohibit, in the last resort, the reporting of unsupported allegations made during a speech in mitigation.

☐ **Interpreters**

208. The court should be responsible for providing the interpreter at the request of the defence out of central funds.
209. There should be central co-ordination to ensure that national and local registers exist from which interpreters of the required standard may be drawn for the courts as needed. The arrangements should be overseen by the Lord Chancellor's department.
210. A glossary of legal terms should be prepared in all the main languages to help interpreters understand the system.
211. Wherever possible the interpreter at the court should not be the interpreter used at the police station.

☐ **Juries**

(i) Selection of jurors

212. Electoral registration officers should ensure that the rolls include everybody who ought to be included.
213. Unless there is a statutory bar on a person serving on a jury, every effort should be made to offer alternative dates to people who cannot sit on the dates first suggested.
214. Jury summoning officers should take whatever steps are practicable to keep to a minimum the risk that individual jurors sitting on the same jury will be known to each other or to the defendant.
215. The rates of financial loss allowance should be reviewed.
216. Clergymen and members of religious orders should be removed from the list of those who are ineligible for jury service.
217. Practising members of a religious sect or order who find jury service to be incompatible with their tenets or beliefs should be entitled to be excused.
218. Suitable research should be conducted, once section 8 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 has been amended, into the influence that jurors with criminal records may have on jury verdicts.
219. Persons who are on bail should be disqualified.
220. Once the new national criminal record system is running as an independent agency, the routine screening of jurors for criminal convictions should be arranged direct with the agency by the courts.
221. The form sent to potential jurors should require the juror to affirm that he or she does not have a disqualifying conviction.
222. In exceptional cases where compelling reasons can be advanced for such a course, it should be possible for either the prosecution or the defence to apply to the judge before the trial for the selection of a jury containing up to three people from ethnic minority communities.
223. It should be open to the defence or prosecution to argue the need for one or more of the three jurors to come from the same ethnic minority as the defendant or the victim. The judge should be able to order this in appropriate cases.

(ii) Guidance and assistance to jurors

224. In cases that may last weeks or months the judge should consider whether it might not be possible to stagger the courts' normal hours so that jurors have some time off during normal working hours.
225. The Lord Chancellor's Department's explanatory video film for jurors should be remade to include some explanation to jurors of the pre-trial discussions that may have taken place and of the fact that the judge may intervene in order to prevent irrelevant questioning or argument by counsel, to protect witnesses, to clarify the issues, and to keep the case broadly within any timetable that may have been agreed.
226. The judge, in his or her opening remarks, should cover the extent to which jurors may ask questions during the trial, and explain that they may take notes.
227. The provision of writing materials should be standard procedure.
228. In complex cases, and in all cases where there has been a preparatory hearing, the judge should consider whether documents might with advantage be given to the jury.
229. Technological aids should be provided where this would assist in the presentation of complicated facts (see also recommendation 297).
230. Before the jury retire, the judge should consider what materials are likely to be of most help to them in coming to the correct verdict.
231. Where the need for legal argument has not been identified earlier, it should, wherever possible, be taken before the jury is empanelled, with counsel supplying beforehand written skeleton outlines of the arguments that they propose to adduce.

(iii) Other matters

232. Every effort should be made to protect jurors from intimidation.

Sensitive cases should if possible be assigned to courtrooms whose public gallery is not so sited as to facilitate intimidation of the jury by members of the public.

Fraud trials

233. Judges for long and complex fraud trials should be well trained, carefully selected, and provided with effective administrative support.
234. As part of the preparatory hearing process, targets should be set for the amount of time to be occupied by each stage of the fraud trial.
235. Where points of law in fraud trials have to be argued in the absence of the jury, written skeleton arguments should be submitted and time limits should be imposed on oral argument.
236. Judges should use more often their power under section 24 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 to admit written documents as evidence without supporting oral evidence.
237. Section 10 (3) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 should be amended to permit judges to put the issues before the jury at the outset of a long fraud trial.

Training and sanctions

238. There should be restrictions on the work which the new barrister should be able to undertake during the second six months of pupillage; he or she should not appear in a jury trial or in the Court of Appeal unless led by a senior barrister.
239. The Bar should ensure that the arrangements for the monitoring of pupils are improved so that they provide a solid basis for assessment of whether the new barrister has sufficient experience to practise unsupervised.
240. The Bar's plans for further compulsory education in the first three years of independent practice and after should be implemented with minimum delay.
241. Training in the main issues raised by scientific and statistical methods, forensic pathology, forensic science, psychiatry and psychology should be part of continuing compulsory training of criminal barristers and solicitors.
242. A code should be drawn up to govern the conduct of advocates.
243. The Law Society should conduct research into such questions as consumer satisfaction, efficiency and operational problems in the system.
244. The Legal Aid Board should periodically commission further research into the quality of work done by members of the profession.
245. The Lord Chancellor's Department should examine whether the level of fees available for those practising at the criminal bar acts as a serious disincentive to the maintenance of high standards.
246. Judges should be readier to recommend the imposition of penalties in costs, reduction in fees and formal disciplinary measures by the relevant Inn of Court.
247. There should be an increased effort to improve and extend the existing training of judges in awareness of race and gender issues.
248. Substantially more resources need to be allocated to judicial training.
249. The performance of judges should be monitored during training by other members of the judiciary.
250. Judges should be required to attend refresher training every three years and assistant recorders should receive their first refresher training course two years after their initial training.
251. The judiciary should have in place an effective formal system of performance appraisal. Presiding and resident judges should have the leading roles in this; members of the Bar should also be able to comment on the performance of judges.
252. Training courses involving a mix of persons from different agencies and disciplines in the criminal justice system should be held wherever possible.
253. Training courses should be developed to address the need for practitioners to use plain English.

Management of courts and of cases

254. Wherever practicable in complex cases judges should take on responsibility for managing the progress of a case, securing its passage through the various stages of pre-trial discussion to preparatory hearing and trial and making sure that the parties have fulfilled their obligations both to each other and to the court.
255. There should be a more systematic approach to the role of stipendiary magistrates to make the best use of their special skills.
256. The administration of stipendiary magistraes should be overhauled, possibly by arranging them in two departments, one covering London and the other the rest of the country.
257. Magistrates should be represented on local court user committees.
258. There should be an overhaul of all forms and leaflets in use in the courts which have to be filled in or read by members of the public. The assistance of the Plain English Campaign should be sought.

Court design

259. New courts should continue to incorporate suitable facilities for jurors and witnesses, especially disabled. There should also be a programme, tailored to available resources, designed to improve the facilities for jurors and witnesses at existing courts.
260. Jury boxes should wherever possible not be sited opposite the public gallery. So far as practicable, jurors should not have to wait or eat in areas to which ordinary members of the public have access.
261. As new courts are built and old ones refurbished, the dock should be made to appear as far as practicable similar to the other compartments of the court. It should be positioned as close as possible to the defendant's solicitors and barristers and should not be unnecessarily large.

FORENSIC EVIDENCE

Organisation of forensic science facilities

262. A new Forensic Science Advisory Council should be set up to report to the home secretary on the performance, achievements and efficiency of the forensic science laboratories. Its remit should include the performance and standards of police in-house laboratories as well as of the larger public sector laboratories and the firms and experts in the private sector.
263. There should be a continuing review of the effectiveness of the organisation of the public sector forensic science laboratories by the new council.
264. The new council should endeavour to ensure that undue competitiveness does not lead to a diminution in standards.
265. Subject to the rule that the same laboratory should not take on work for both prosecution and defence in the same case, the public sector laboratories should look upon themselves as equally available to the defence and the prosecution.
266. The new council should be charged with keeping the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory's (MPFSL) arrangements for offering service to the defence under continuing review.
267. Where it is not possible for a public sector laboratory to assist the defence, it should advise on where it might go for the scientific analysis or advice that it requires.
268. As part of the work of the new council, arrangements should be devised for the external inspection and assessment of the work of both the public and the private sector laboratories.
269. The new council should oversee the development of NAMAS accreditation for all laboratories engaged in forensic science work.
270. Continuing efforts should be made to develop qualifications related to the competence of forensic scientists.
271. The new council should encourage the development of expertise and centres of excellence, embracing applied research in the universities as well as in public sector and commercial laboratories.
272. The new council should oversee progress in the development of a code for forensic scientists covering professional ethics and duties of disclosure.
273. The new council should keep under review the arrangements for the training of forensic scientists and their assistants and the means by which they are kept up to date with the latest scientific discoveries.

Northamptonshire face difficult task

By Peter Ball

RETAINING a cup is one of the most difficult tasks in sport. If Northamptonshire are to become the first county to win the NatWest Trophy in successive years, they will do so the hard way.

After beating Lancashire in the first round, today they have to visit Essex in the match of the second round. The demise of Essex man in cricket, as in other spheres, has almost become a cliché in recent months, but the England performance at Trent Bridge suggested that rumours of their death have been much exaggerated. At Chelmsford they still offer formidable opposition, even if their form in both the championship and the Sunday League has been mixed.

Northants, though, are continuing the form which brought them success last season, and their defeat of Lancashire in the first round revealed their all-round strengths. Apart from David Capel, they have a full squad. Essex await a fitness test on Neil Foster.

Romantics will want to be at Cardiff for the final contest between the two men who bestrode international cricket in the previous decade, Ian Botham and Viv Richards. With Glamorgan so far having their best season for years, Richards has been enjoying more success, but the sight of his old friend will inspire Botham to recall his glorious past one more time. Whether even a Botham command performance will be enough to see Durham through is another matter.

The two met in last season's Benson & Hedges competition, and although Botham had much the better of the day, batting splendidly and removing Richards with a spectacular caught and bowled, the Welsh county won the day. It would be no surprise if that pattern is repeated today. In spite of their performance in the championship at the Oval, Durham's batting means they cannot be discounted, but Glamorgan's greater bowling strength should see them through.

Like Northants, Kent also received poor reward for having a tough first-round match. After beating Middlesex they go to Edgbaston, still without Alan Igglesden. But they are a side in form and confidence, and are formidably equipped for one-day cricket.

Steve Marsh returns, and Graham Cowdrey is included after being left out of the championship side for a month. Gladstone Small returns for Warwickshire, who also have Keith Piper returning in place of Piran Holloway.

Yorkshire's visit Bristol after losing at Edgbaston on Monday, for a match between two teams at low ebb. After an encouraging start, Yorkshire are near the bottom in both the championship and the Sunday League and plummeting fast.

"We are not happy with the way things are going on the pitch at the moment," Chris Hassell, the chief executive, said. "There have been problems on the playing side of things. The performance of our players has not been up to what we would expect."

The team face a meeting next Monday with Hassell and Brian Close, the chairman of their cricket committee to explain themselves. That should concentrate a few minds, and they could hardly have better opposition to begin a rehabilitation, with Gloucestershire in an even worse state. Yorkshire have replaced Ashley Metcalfe, David Byas and Jeremy Batty with Paul Grayson, Simon Kellett and Michael Vaughan.

Abdoujaparov claims stage in mass sprint

By Our Sports Staff

IT WAS the turn of Djamolidine Abdoujaparov to claim the honours in the third successive mass sprint finish as the Tour de France began to take on a déjà vu look yesterday.

The world's three fastest men on bicycles, Abdoujaparov, Mario Cipollini, of Italy, and Wilfried Nelissen, of Belgium, have been tussling for victory in all the main sprints so far in the flat stages of western France.

Abdoujaparov gained victory in the third stage yesterday over 189.5 kms from Vannes to follow Cipollini, who won the first stage on Sunday, and Nelissen, who won the second on Monday.

Nelissen and Cipollini followed Abdoujaparov home to put the same three riders on the victory podium for a second successive day.

The Belgian retained his race leader's yellow jersey with Cipollini moving up to second 25 seconds behind and Abdoujaparov third, 28 seconds down.

The defending champion, Miguel Indurain, of Spain, who finished in the peloton, dropped from second to fourth overall and is 29 seconds behind Nelissen of the French Novemail team.

The long fourth stage race against the clock today over 81 kms to Avranches is expected to alter drastically the overall positions.

As on the previous day, the stage was marked by a long breakaway involving two riders, this time Marc Sergeant, of Belgium and Laurent Desbiens, of France.

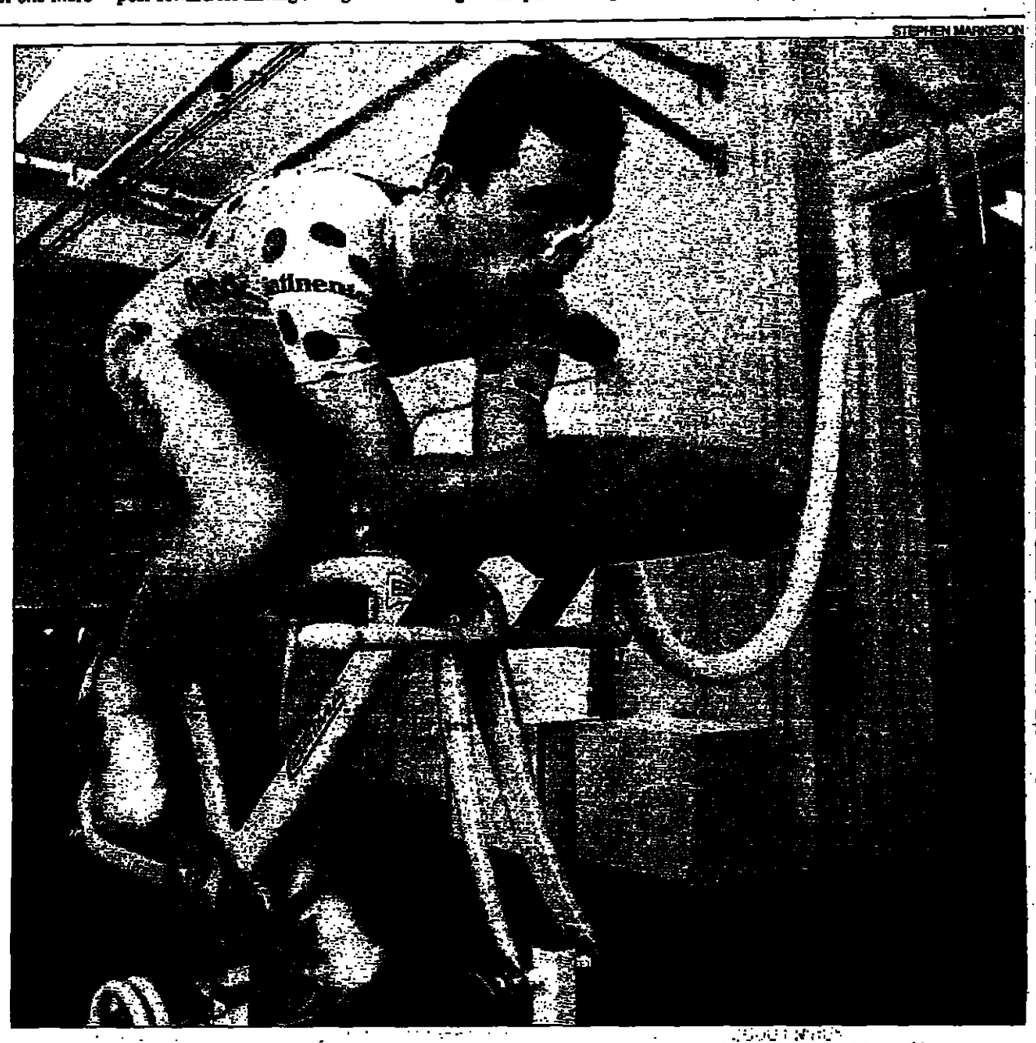
The two went out in front 40 kms after the start and opened an enormous gap of 13 minutes 40 seconds before the only climb of the day, the Mur-de-Bretagne at the 80-km point.

But Sergeant, in the same Novemail team as the race leader, Nelissen, was told by his sports director to let up so as not to endanger the yellow jersey.

Desbiens said he was disappointed but the young Frenchman had some consolation later when he took the King of the Mountains jersey after going first over the Mur-de-Bretagne.

RESULTS: Third stage (Vannes to Dinard, 189.5 kms): 1, D Abdoujaparov (Uzbekistan), Lampre, 4hr 41min 53sec; 2, W Nelissen (Bel), Novemail; 3, M Cipollini (It), GB MG; 4, J Casper (Swi), TVM; 5, L Jalabert (Fr), ONCE; 6, O Ludwig (Ger), Telekom; 7, S Colage (It), ZG Mobili; 8, J Museeuw (Bel), GB MG; 9, C Capelle (Fr), GAN; 10, A Ferrigato (It), Ariostea; 11, R Jaermann (Switz), Ariostea; 12, M Ghirotto (It), ZG Mobili; 13, J Durand (Fr), Castorama; 14, B Riis (Den), Ariostea; 15, F Simon (Fr), Castorama; 16, F Moncassin (Fr), Wordperfect; 17, M Sciandri (It), Motorola; 18, S Bauer (Can), Motorola; 19, S Yates (GB), Motorola; 20, M Indurain (Sp), Banesto, all same time. Overall positions (after three stages): 1, Nelissen, 15hr 23min 16sec; 2, Cipollini, 25sec behind; 3, Abdoujaparov 28; 4, Indurain, 29; 5, G Bugno (It), Carrera, 36; 6, T Marie (Fr), Festina, 40; 7, A Zuelle (Switz), ONCE, 41; 8, Jalabert, 42; 9, R Alcala (Mex), Wordperfect, 45; 10, A Rominger (Switz), Clas, 47; 11, R Sorensen (Den), Carrera, 51; 12, C Chiappucci (It), Carrera, 53; 13, Z Pasiula (Pol), GB MG, 54; 14, S Roche (Ire), Carrera, 57; 15, B Cenghialta (It), Ariostea, 58; 16, J Bruyneel (Bel), ONCE, 59; 17, E Breukink (Holl), ONCE, same time; 18, B Boscardin (It), Gatorade; 19, J Nijdam (Holl), Wordperfect; 20, M Sergeant (Bel), Novemail, all same time.

TODAY'S STAGE: Dinard to Avranches (team time-trial, 81km).



STEPHEN MARKESON

Testing time: Chris Boardman, Britain's Olympic track pursuit cycling champion, yesterday underwent a series of rigorous tests at Brighton University as part of his build-up for an attempt on the world one-hour record in France later this month (Peter Bryan writes). Boardman also unveiled the machine on which he will attempt to break the record of 51.151km. The carbon-fibre bicycle, made by the French firm, Corima, is built to a more conventional design than the Lotus he rode in Barcelona but still allows him to achieve the "flat back" position calculated to be worth up to two seconds a kilometre. Boardman's world record attempt will be made at Bordeaux on July 23, the day a stage of the Tour de France ends in the city.

Strong Irish pose main threat

IRELAND, Italy and France, the champions, pose the greatest threat to Britain's chances of regaining the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup when this biennial yacht racing series starts in the Solent on July 29 (Barry Pickthall writes).

Eight nations are to challenge for the trophy, regarded as the championship crown in offshore racing, and the Irish, who have never won this series before, look to be the strongest. John Storey, an Irishman now living in Sydney, has put together a team that includes many top names.

Harold Cudmore, Britain's former America's Cup skipper, sails King Harald of Norway's one-tonner, Fram XI, renamed Jameson I, Gordon Maguire takes the helm of the Two-Ton Cup world champion, Shockwave, now named Jameson II, and Joe English leads Warren Johns's Australian 50-footer, Heaven Can Wait (Jameson III).

The Italians, who came so close to winning the last series, return with the same yachts and three crews, which include the America's Cup skipper, Paul Cayard, the American, John Bertrand, and Derek Clark, of Britain.

The French have chartered three yachts. Their 50-footer, Corum Saphir, is the leading American 50-footer, Springbok. Corum Rubis raced under American colours as Bravura and the third, Coram Diamant, is the former One-Ton Cup winner, Okyalos.

Britain's team is made up of Graham Walker's 50-footer, Indulgence, skippered by Eddie Warden Owen . Don Wood's two-tonner, Source, led by Stuart Childerly, and Lawrie Smith's former one-tonner, Port Pendennis, now renamed Orient Express.

The other teams challenging are Australia, Germany, Japan and Holland.

La Kota takes leading role

DAVID Scully and Steve Fossett, sailing the 60-foot American trimaran, La Kota, set out from Crosshaven just before noon today for the 400-mile second stage of the Teesside round Britain race, defending a 13-minute lead over the 40-foot German multihull, Fritzzz-Fratzzz (Barry Pickthall writes).

Both crews are more than four hours behind the record pace set four years ago by Francois Boucher and Loic Lingois, and face the prospect of further light winds before meeting rougher conditions close to Castlebay, on the island of Barra off the west coast of Scotland, the second stop-over port in this 2,000-mile circumnavigation.

Two crews have been forced to abandon the race. The Belgian 30-footer, Champion, which was dismasted on Monday, was towed into Falmouth yesterday, and Graham Harrison's 40-foot monohull, Cyclone, has returned to Plymouth after the crewman, John Dickens, experienced severe vertigo.

QABIII, the first monohull to reach Crosshaven, which hit a rock close to the Edistone Lighthouse on Saturday, has been repaired and the skipper, Mark Gatehouse, is due to leave the Irish port five hours and 33 minutes behind La Kota.

POSITIONS (after first leg: Plymouth to Crossgabe): Class one: 1, La Kota (D Scully and S Fossett, US), 1 day 00hr 27min; 2, QABIII (M Gatehouse and M Carter, GB) 1:05:50; 3, Enif (R Tolliden and P Foot, GB) 1:07:01; Class two: 1, Jusqu'au Bout (L Stanton and P Carpentier, Fr) 1:09:42; 2, Illyria (D and L Kooksey, GB) 1:19:07.

Class three: 1, Magic Machine (R Everdi and A Valen, Neth) 1:13:26. Class four: 1, Fritzzz-Fratzzz (G Clausen and N Bailey, Ger) 1:00:40; 2, Sea Talk (S van Hegen and R Jaspers, Neth) 1:11:25; 3, Sorceress (I Halloway and J Castley, GB) 1:14:44. Class five: 1, Severnlies Challenge (E Thompson and H Darwall, GB) 1:07:16; 2, Fiery Cross (R Kidd and A Mitchell, GB) 1:11:21; 3, Drakkar (R Morelisse and P Vroon, Neth) 1:13:31. Class six: 1, Mooi Khola (C Shepherd and J Baggaley, GB) 1:16:13; 2, Mercury Messaging (W Mumford and J Redpath, GB), 1:17:20; 3, Maverick (C Briggs and M Turner, GB) 1:18:01.

Lightbody secures title for Ireland

ALEX Lightbody, of Bangor, Northern Ireland, won the singles title at the British Isles bowls championship in Worthing yesterday by beating Robert Provan, a Scotland international, from Airdrie, 21-13 (Gordon Allan writes). He is the first Irish winner since David Corkill in 1980. Lightbody, 27 last week and married the week previously, led 10-3 and 16-8 and always had the match under control as Provan struggled in the cross-wind.

Scotland also lost the pairs final. Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, the English champions and world indoor title-holders, scored three shots on the twentieth end and four on the last to beat George Ross and Richard Corsie 18-17.

The Weale Brothers — Brian, Stuart, David and Robert — who came together as a team only last season, beat Nicky Jones's Bournemouth rink to take the fours title for Wales.

Lewis's lucrative deal

ATHLETICS: Carl Lewis, the eight-time Olympic champion, will earn $100,000 (about £66,000) for about half a minute's work at the Lausanne grand prix tonight. Organisers say it is the biggest deal struck in Europe for an individual athlete. Lewis will be paid $60,000 for racing over 100 and 200 metres plus $40,000 for media and sponsorship appearances. He priced himself out of the Stockholm grand prix on Monday, in which Richard Chelimo broke the world 10,000 metres record. The Swedish organisers preferred to spend their money on Noureddine Morceli, the world 1,500 metres champion from Algeria.

Germany in control

HOCKEY: Michel Bjorn converted two short corners as Germany beat Malaysia 4-1 yesterday to become the only team with maximum points from three matches in the Champions Trophy in Kuala Lumpur. Paul Lissek, the Germany coach, has welcomed the change in the short corner rule that requires the hit from the line to be stopped outside the circle. "It is one of the more interesting developments and is better than the old ruling," Lissek said. "You have to think of more variations to produce goals."

Eyres may miss out

RUGBY LEAGUE: Richard Eyres, the Great Britain forward, may miss the start to the domestic season next month after returning from Australia without playing a game for Canberra Raiders and refusing a new contract with Widnes. Eyres, 26, had hoped to make his debut in the Winfield Cup after serving a suspension following his dismissal in the Challenge Cup final for a late tackle on Martin Offiah, of Wigan, but left after disagreements with Kevin Neil, the Canberra chief executive.

Lawrence comeback

CRICKET: David Lawrence, the Gloucestershire and England fast bowler, is to start his comeback in a benefit match on August 3. Lawrence, 29, who has not played since shattering his left knee in New Zealand in February last year, plans to lead his XI against a Rest of the World XI at Cheltenham. "The actual bone has knitted back together and the doctors have given me the go-ahead to play," he said.

☐ Phil Simmons, the West Indies batsman, has rejected an offer from Warwickshire to play for them next season.

Farr-Jones recalled



RUGBY UNION: Australia have recalled Nick Farr-Jones, right, from retirement for the Bledisloe Cup match against New Zealand in Dunedin on July 17. Farr-Jones, 31, was persuaded to join the 21-man squad as a replacement for Peter Slattery, the scrum half who broke two ribs against Tonga on Sunday. The All Blacks have kept faith with the side that beat the British Isles 30-13 last Saturday.

England more hopeful

GOLF: England will be aiming to make amends for several recent disappointments when they take part in the fourteenth European boys' team championship in Ascona, Switzerland, today. They were pipped by Scotland in the final of this event last year and they went down by the narrowest of margins to Wales in the senior European team championships in the Czech republic on Sunday. Stuart Cookson, who is captain of the boys' team for the sixth and last time, believes he has a well balanced side.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

NatWest Trophy, second round 10.30, 50 overs

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Northamptonshire

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Durham

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Surrey

HOVE: Sussex v Hampshire

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Somerset

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Kent

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk v Cumberland

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Beldon: Durham v Glamorgan. Dartford: Kent v Worcestershire. Southgate: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex. Taunton: Somerset v Sussex. The Oval: Surrey v Derbyshire. Todmorden: Yorkshire v Lancashire

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Men's home internationals (Worthing)

EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Show (Stoneleigh).

GOLF: Bell's Scottish Open (Gleneagles).

TENNIS: Challenger Trophy (Bristol).

ATHLETICS

STOCKHOLM: IAAF grand prix meeting: Winners and British: Men: 110m hurdles: C Jackson (GB), 13.45; 2, A Jarrett (GB), 13.45. 200m: F Fredericks (Nam), 20.21; 7, M Adam (GB), 21.28. 400m hurdles: K Young (US), 49.61; 4, G Cadogan (GB) 50.67. 800m: M Everett (US), 1:45.33; 7, T McKean (GB), 1:48.44. Mile: R Kiplagat (Ken), 3:59.46; 3, A Morrell (GB), 3:59.70; 5, M Hibberd (GB), 4:03.44. 1,500m: N Morceli (Alg), 3:31.83; 3, M Yates (GB), 3:37.04; 5, M O'Sullivan (Ire), 3:37.57. 3,000m steeplechase: M Kidanani (Ken), 8:12.52; 7, T Hanlon (GB), 8:28.51. 10,000m: R Chelimo (Ken), 27:07.91 (world record); 4, P Evans (GB), 27:47.79. Javelin: J Zelezny (Cz), 84.26m, 3, M Hill (GB), 82.00. Pole vault: R Gataulin (Russ), 5.70m. Long jump: M Powell (US), 8.35. High jump: H Conway (US), 2.31m; 3, S Smith, 2.28 (GB). Women: 100m: G Devers (US), 11.04sec. 400m hurdles: K Batten (US), 54.63. 800m: K Holmes (GB), 2mn 00.45sec. 1,500m: L Kremlyova (Russ), 4.06.57. 5,000m: E Meyer (SA), 14:50.29. Triple jump: I Mushevlova (Russ), 14.79m; 5, M Griffith (GB), 13.62.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 10, Houston Astros 4. Cincinnati Reds 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 4, San Francisco Giants 10, Montreal Expos 4; San Diego Padres 12, New York Mets 7. Philadelphia Phillies 9, Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Atlanta Braves 9, Florida Marlins 7; Chicago Cubs 10, Colorado Rockies 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas Rangers 5, Milwaukee Brewers 4. Oakland Athletics 6, Cleveland Indians 5 and 2-6; Chicago White Sox 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3, Minnesota Twins 13, Detroit Tigers 3. Kansas City Royals 7, Baltimore Orioles 1; Boston Red Sox 4, California Angels 3 (11 innis); New York Yankees 6, Seattle Mariners 3.

BOWLS

WORTHING: British Isles individual championships: Finals: Junior singles: I Brown (Barnfield, Scot) bt G Williams (Pembroke Dock, Wales), 21-15: Triples: E Sands, W and J Smyth (Magherafelt, Ire) bt V John, A Mustard, S Evans (Tenby, Wales), 21-10. Fours: B, S, D and R Wells (Prestatyn, Wales) bt I Rawlson, M Warren, C Stanger, N Jones (Bournemouth, Eng), 21-11.

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Bridgend: Somerset 245-9; Glamorgan 192. Somerset won by 53 runs. Harrow: Middlesex 275-5; Essex 199. Middlesex won by 76 runs. Durham School: Durham 216-6; Lancashire 216-2. Lancashire won by eight wickets. Canterbury: Kent 256-6; MCC Young Cricketers 221. Kent won by 35 runs. SCHOOLS MATCHES: "Clifton 264-3 (R W Swetman 103 not out), Free Foresters 69; Forest 168, "Colfe's 131-8; King's, Ely 198-7, "King's, Rochester 197-7, MCC 221-7, "Colfe's 140-5, The Leys 249-5, "Felsted 89; Watson's 70 178, "Colfe's 182-5; Wrekin 201-5, "Bishop's Stortford Coll 205-3.

FENCING

ESSEN, Germany: World championships: Sabre: 1, G Kirsnko (Russ); 2, B Szabo (Hun); equal 3, S Wiesinger (Ger) and T Terenzi. British placings: 32, J Williams.

GOLF

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional qualifying competitions: Lanarkc 66: S O'Grady (Royal Dublin), 69: N McGill (King James VI), K Hutton (Drumpellier) 70: "G Jack (Carnoustie) 71: S Thompson (Glecdoch), I Taylor (The Caddyshack), J Semple (Helensburgh) 72: S Strachan (Bathgate), B Dunbar (Easter Moffat), R Forrest (West Linton), "D Blair (Boat of Garten), K Campbell (Machrihanish), S Craig (Dunfermline), S McGregor (Glenpow) 73: B Davidson (Kings Links), F Mann (Carnoustie Golf Centre)

South Herts: 68: "D Fisher (Stoke Poges) 69: C Tingey (Aldenham), "R Walton (Cabot Park), "C Chester (Stoke Poges) 70: D Wilson (Muswell Hill), L Bond (St Pierre), G Bothwell (Moor Park), J Hall (It) 72: C Steele (Ashton-in-Makerfield), 73: P Walker (Knot End), A Baguley (Leigh), J Hammond (Chmeron), G Barry (Bromborough), T Hastings (Thornton). 74: A Roberts (Vicars Cross), D Stirling (St Lewis and Penwortn), J O'Brien (Bromborough), A Barrass (Royal St Davids), "S Wellman (St Mewy) 75: A Collins (Cheadle), "K Wellbank (Ashton and Lea), J Harrison (Barnard Castle).

Sunderlidge Park: 68: L Jones (Manor of Elmond), 70: D Parris (North Portland), B Ingleby (Royal Cinque Ports), N Hanson (Mid Kent). 71: C Evans (Princes), P Sherman (Ashton), J Williams (Callingham), G Crane (Fynn Valley), N Haynes (West Worling) 72: C Williams (West Essex), T Nash (St Russell), W Hewlett (Royal Blackheath), N Cameron (Royal St George), R Lewis (Royal St George), P Stuart (Stirlingbourne), S Pesford (Cirsham Hurst), J Morris (Lullingstone Park), J Garcia (Sp), B Talbots (Fr), A Reynolds (Royal Cinque Ports), C Hofstetter (Fr), After play-off: J Powell (Hewe) and A Tilmen (Wildernesse).

Langley Park: 67: L Fickling (Enfield). 69: S Tamaud (Fr), A Clapp (Sid) Golf). 70: M Parker (Riverside), L Batchelor (The Hendreds Group), B Jackson (Ashford). 71: R Hurst (Lullingstone Park), J J P Jones (Enfield). 72: S Hoffman (Horsendon Hill), T Trodd (Langley Park), D May (Kingswood), D Mills (West Hove), E Lambert (Herne Bay), N Tony (Sidcup). 73: S Whittin (Enfield), M S Smith (Stanford), M Bowden (Leatherhead), T Milford (Stirlingbourne), After play-off: J O'Shea (Ealing), F Yearsley (Pyl), I Fell (Sp).

Cox Moor: 70: M Shepherd (Saffron Walden), I Higby (Prenton Driving Range). 71: L Turner (Eyelshaw), D Mather (Morpeth), A Collinson (King's Lynn), D Stokes (Chesterfield), M Foster (Hexham), I Kirk (Tankersley Park). 72: P Carman (Huddersfield), D Moreland (Greetham Valley), K Findlater (Garforth), G Brown (Caxton), "P Robinson (Skipton), J Morgan (unatt).

*denotes amateur

HANG GLIDING

OWENS VALLEY, California: World championships: Preliminary rounds: 1, United States, 7,204pts; 2, Australia, 7,040; 3, Germany, 6,960; 4, Britain, 6,949.

HOCKEY

KUALA LUMPUR: Champions Trophy: Australia 5, Spain 1; Germany 4, Malaysia 1; Pakistan 3 Holland 1.

TENNIS

BRISTOL: Challenger Trophy: First round: N Gould bt V Santopadre (It), 3-6, 7-5, 7-6; E Winogradsky (Fr) bt D Pescario (Rom), 6-3, 6-4; S Nozaldy (Fun) bt K Kinnear (US), 6-3, 7-6; C Wilkinson bt T Gollwitzer (Ger), 6-2, 7-5.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: Hall of Fame Championships: First round: B Black (Zim) bt K Thorne (US), 6-3, 6-2; S Stolle (Aus) bt N Pereira (Ven), 6-2, 6-3; D Witt (US) bt T Witelon (US), 6-3, 8-4; P Baur (Ger) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 7-5, 6-4; C van Rensburg (SA) bt L Jensen (US), 7-6, 6-2; G Ruseckis (Can) bt R Weiss (US), 6-3, 7-6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: Penrith (Aus) 27, GB Young Lions 8.

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CUP: Qualifying match: Namibia 80, Kenya 9 (in Nairobi).

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Batting

Qualification: 6 completed innings, avge 32.16

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
D C Boon	8	12	2	977	164*	97.70	6	2
M J Slater	9	15	3	884	152	73.66	3	6
D R Martyn	7	9	1	572	138*	71.50	3	2
D L Haynes	7	11	2	614	115	68.22	2	4
N J Lionq	8	11	2	606	116*	67.33	2	3
N Hussain	10	15	3	802	152	66.83	4	2
G A Gooch	9	16	1	994	133	66.26	3	7
S R Waugh	9	13	6	448	124*	64.00	1	1
J E Emburey	9	11	5	378	123	63.16	1	3
G A Hick	9	15	2	811	187	62.38	3	3
K J Barnett	10	15	2	783	169	60.23	4	1
J P Crawley	10	17	3	843	197*	60.21	1	5
I V A Richards	10	19	5	827	224*	59.07	2	4
A P Wells	9	14	1	782	144	58.61	3	3
M E Waugh	9	13	1	695	178	57.91	1	6
H Morris	11	20	2	1037	134*	57.61	5	4
T S Curtis	10	17	2	822	116*	54.80	3	4
C W J Athey	8	13	0	709	137	54.53	3	3
R T Robinson	9	17	2	794	139*	52.93	3	5
R J Bailey	9	15	3	626	200	52.16	1	3

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Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets, avge 24.52

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
A P Igglesden	266.5	64	825	40	15.62	6-58	3	1
Waqar Younis	220.2	49	664	37	17.94	6-43	3	—
M P Bicknell	316.3	91	791	44	17.97	6-43	3	1
S K Warne	434.5	166	973	51	19.07	5-61	1	—
Wasim Akram	188.2	49	477	25	19.08	6-45	2	—
K E Cooper	209.2	78	409	21	19.42	5-83	1	—
K M Curran	242.3	65	648	33	19.63	5-32	2	—
K C G Benjamin	210.5	30	667	32	20.84	6-70	2	—
S L Watkin	435.1	100	1187	56	21.19	5-71	2	—
C E L Ambrose	222.5	59	511	24	21.29	5-78	1	—
E E Hemmings	361.1	101	881	39	21.82	7-31	2	1
J E Benjamin	295.3	73	802	35	22.91	4-66	—	—
A R Caddick	339.1	74	1004	43	23.34	9-32	3	3
N F Williams	249.2	38	774	33	23.45	6-67	1	—
R K Illingworth	285	91	635	27	23.51	6-28	1	—
L Potter	270.5	104	526	22	23.90	5-45	1	—
M G Field-Buss	243.3	84	574	24	23.91	6-42	1	—
P J Newport	241.1	60	632	26	24.30	5-53	1	—
M G Hughes	258.1	62	757	31	24.41	5-92	1	—
G J Parsons	232	70	564	23	24.52	3-30	—	—

Answers from page 40

FRABJOUS
(b) A nonsense word invented by Lewis Carroll (C. L. Dodgson), apparently intended to suggest fair and joyous, used vaguely by others in various contextual senses. Dorothy Sayers, Busman's Honeymoon: "Oh, frabjous day! All my life I have waited to hear those exquisite words, Peter darling, The sweep's come."

LIATRIS
(c) A North American perennial herb of the genus so called, belonging to the family Compositae, and bearing spikes or clusters of purple or white flowers, of unknown derivation: "Several varieties of Liatris are largely used in southern United States to flavour tobacco."

TAYBERRY
(a) A dark purple soft fruit produced by crossing the blackberry and the raspberry, introduced into the fructiferous Tay valley in Scotland in 1977: "The tayberry is deep purple in colour, roughly 1½ inches long and has a refreshing, not-too-sweet flavour."

PIG LATIN
(a) An invented language formed by systematic distortion of the source language, specifically one in which the initial consonant or consonant cluster of each word is transferred to the end of that word, and a vocalic syllable, usually e added: "Utnay atthay ownday the boy was saying, 'Put that down' in pig Latin."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1 Bxf7+! Kd7 (not 1 ... Kxf7 2 Qxf3+) 2 Be6+! Ke8 (not 2 ... Kxe6 3 Qe1+, or 2 ... Kf7 3 Bxd8+) 3 Bf7+ with a draw by perpetual check.

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Colonel Collins catches eye

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

A quintessentially English summer afternoon on the opening day of the Newmarket July meeting yesterday spawned results in keeping with the traditional setting as two home-bred juveniles entered the classic calculations for next season with sparkling victories.

Despite not having oil wells at their disposal, Lord Carnarvon and Robert Sangster have more than held their own against rich Arab owners in recent years thanks to shrewd purchases and sensible breeding policy.

But even they, with all their experience of racing's roller-coaster ride, must blink in amazement this morning as they see their horses holding pole position in the ante-post betting for the 1994 Guineas.

Colonel Collins, named by Sangster after Tony Collins, of Gay Future fame, was thrust to the forefront of the 2,000 Guineas betting after a sensational debut in the traditionally well-contested Eastern Electricity Maiden Stakes.

El Gran Senor would have been mightily proud of his son as he stormed clear from Wild Invader, the well-backed favourite and supposedly one of Henry Cecil's leading juveniles, to win by seven lengths in a time close to the track record. Like Stonehatch and State Performer, Colonel Collins is owned and bred by Sangster and trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, for whom he was his one hundredth winner. William Hill could not separate the trio and make them joint-favourites at 20-1 for the colts' classic. Ladbrokes marginally prefer Stonehatch at 14-1, following a bet of £5,000 at 20-1, and have Colonel Collins at 16-1.

Incredibly, Sangster has a bevvy of unraced, home-bred juveniles at Manton that could be the equal of those who have recorded impressive race-course performances.

Asked to compare Colonel Collins with his Royal Ascot winners, Chapple-Hyam said: "He's up there. There are quite a few more, not necessarily as good as him or Stonehatch, but they are not far behind."

Lord Carnarvon is carrying on where he left off last season with Lyric Fantasy and Niche, and Lemon Souffle is favourite for the 1,000 Guineas after winning the Cherry Hinton Stakes in authoritative style.

The Queen's racing manager has had five fillies placed in previous runnings of the group race but Lemon Souffle always looked like breaking the hoodoo. After being settled towards the rear of the eight-strong field by Lester Piggott, she more than justified Richard Hannon's post-race claim that she accelerates faster than any horse he has trained.

Piggott, who rode Niche for Lord Carnarvon to second place in the 1,000 Guineas this year, paid the ultimate compliment to Lemon Souffle when asked to compare the two fillies. "She's different class."

Geoffrey Gibbs, the British Horseracing Board's senior handicapper, agreed. "I would have her joint top two-year-old with State Performer, which means if they met, Lemon Souffle would, in theory, win, being in receipt of the 5lb fillies' allowance."

For time buffs, the performance of the afternoon belonged to Desert Team, who clipped more than 1½ seconds off the 12-furlong course record when winning the Princess of Wales's Stakes.


JULIAN HERBERT

Rewarding odds: Saifan, with noseband, swoops for a 25-1 handicap victory at Newmarket yesterday

Nap: TURTLE ISLAND (4.10 Newmarket)
Next best: Tilty (5.15 Newmarket)

THUNDERER
2.00 Forest Loch
2.35 Rumpus
3.10 Lyphard's Delta
3.40 NICER (nap)
4.10 Turtle Island
4.45 Unbeknownst
5.15 Batzino

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 ZARANI SIDI ANNA (nap).
5.15 Farmer's Pet.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 TURTLE ISLAND.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 ELLESMERE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,778: 7f) (15 runners)

101	(9)		EASY D'OR (Baron F C Oppenheim) M Bell 9-3	M Fenton (3)	—
102	(3)	3	LINK MILES 14 (The Winding Trees) R Hannon 9-5	J Reid	95
103	(8)	0	DOMINANT PARTNER 2 (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-13	R Cochrane	—
104	(4)	00	HEATHCLIFF 26 (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-13	B Holland	81
105	(13)	000	INDIAN CASTLE 14 (NTC (Racing) Ltd) B Meehan 8-13	Pat Eddery	79
106	(1)	0	LORD WELLINGTON 28 (Mrs T McCorkindale) J Jenkins 8-13	G Rind	—
107	(5)	0	MENTMORE LAD 12 (P Ellson) W Callaghan 8-13	M Roberts	—
108	(2)	4	MISTER BEAT 33 (F Asquith) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-13	K Fallon	88
109	(10)	0400	MR MYSTICAL 14 (Mrs D Stanes) J Moore 8-13	B Raine	92
110	(15)	5	READY MONEY RILEY 7 (T Foreman) N Callaghan 8-13	W Ryan	77
111	(6)	052	SHUTTLECOCK 53 (B) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 8-13	L Piggott	75
112	(12)	34	GREEK NIGHT OUT 11 (Diagsley House) M Johnston 8-12	Dean McKeown	88
113	(7)	05	FOREST LOCH 26 (B Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8	D Wright (7)	—
114	(11)	2014	LEAP OF FAITH 11 (B,G) (R Stevenson) D Loder 8-8	L Dettori	97
115	(14)		LITTLE BID (C Bolloway) B Hanbury 8-8	B Raymond	—

BETTING: 3-1 Forest Loch, 4-1 Link Miles, 9-2 Leap Of Faith, 6-1 Greek Night Out, 7-1 Heathcliff, 10-1 others.
1992: WYNONA 8-12 W R Swinburn (6-1) G Bravery 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LINK MILES 5l4l 3rd of 15 to Lugano in a claimer at Salisbury (7f, good), with MR MYSTICAL (same terms) 7l4l 7th and INDIAN CASTLE (same terms) 9th.
HEATHCLIFF 12l 7th of 16 to Venta Do Possa in a maiden at Sandown (7f, good).FOREST LOCH 4l 5th of 10 to Palace in a maiden at Goodwood (6f, good). LEAP OF FAITH 4l4l 4th of 11 Mr M-E-M in a claimer at Newcastle (6f, good).
Selection: HEATHCLIFF

2.35 MORE O'FERRALL PLC MAIDEN STAKES C4

(3-Y-O: £4,893: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

201	(6)	0-3	ALASAD 47 (B) Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0	W Carson	88
202	(16)		ASPECT (F Salman) R Charlton 9-0	A Munro	—
203	(15)	66-	BEND SABLE 242 (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 9-0	Daniel McKeown	80
204	(18)	44	ERCOLE 46 (Tim Duggan, Lady Beaverbrook & Ralph) R Boyle 9-0	R Price	85
205	(12)	2-2	LACOTTE 25 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	M Roberts	88
206	(9)	003	PROTON 12 (Tong Aloer Garages Ltd) P Harris 9-0	L Piggott	84
207	(2)	0-2	PYRAMIS PRINCE 12 (J Kelsey-Fry) M McCormack 9-0	J Reid	84
208	(13)		QUILLON (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	—
209	(3)		SABREHILL (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
210	(10)	00-5	ZONK 12 (Garth Thoroughbreds Ltd) J Pearce 9-0	M Wigham	65
211	(17)		AWAY GIRL (Mrs J Redmond) T Naughton 8-9	D Holland	—
212	(1)	6	DANCING TRALTHEE 15 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 8-9	Jo Hannam (7)	78
213	(7)	4	MAMARA REEF 19 (Lord Halifax) L Cumani 8-9	C Hodgson (5)	82
214	(11)	3-	MICHAELA MIA 252 (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 8-9	L Dettori	82
215	(8)	5	PEACHES POLLY 19 (W Gredley) N Wright 8-9	Paul Eddery	72
216	(14)	2-	RUMPUS 277 (Fidocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 8-9	R Cochrane	89
217	(4)	4	TREAD CAREFULLY 35 (BF) (I Wilks) J Fanshawe 8-9	W R Swinburn	—
218	(5)	0	WANNABE 19 (M Dewey) L Cumani 8-9	J Weaver (3)	—

BETTING: 11-4 Lacotte, 4-1 Quillon, 9-2 Alasad, 11-2 Mamara Reef, 7-1 Rumpus, 8-1 Michaela Mia, Peaches Polly, 10-1 Sabrehill, 14-1 others.
1992: UNITED KINGDOM 8-8 S Cauthen (Evens fav) H Cecil 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALASAD 4l 3rd of 16 to Silverdale in a maiden here (1m 4l, good). ERCOLE 5l4l 4th of 7 to Spring To Action in a maiden here (1m 6f, good). LACOTTE 4l 2nd of 4 to Fragrance in a maiden at York (1m, good to soft). PYRAMIS PRINCE 2l 2nd of 6 to Mancow Sea in a maiden at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm), with PROTON 2l 3rd. MAMARA REEF 2l4l 4th of 15 to Imaginary in a maiden over course and distance (good), with PEACHES POLLY 29l4l 5th and WANNABE 19l4l 14th. RUMPUS 6l 2nd of 6 to Yawl in a conditions race here (7f, good to soft). QUILLON by Mtoto, a half-sister to Champion 1m-1m 2f filly Pebbles.
Selection: MAMARA REEF

3.10 HE LIMITED DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE HANDICAP C4

(3-Y-O: £20,387: 1m 2f) (22 runners)

301	(2)	4-41	WESTERN CAPE 16 (S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-7	Pat Eddery	84
302	(5)	00-2034	SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 27 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-1	D Biggs	90
303	(12)	1-35	PAMZIG 57 (F) (H Kasbet) B Hills 9-1	Paul Eddery	84
304	(6)	6-221	GEORGE TILLINGHAM 21 (D,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-1	W R Swinburn	89
305	(17)	314	SPIN DOCTOR 40 (D,S) (Princess Von Preussen) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	88
306	(13)	221-246	LYFORD CAY 20 (S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13	J Reid	90
307	(4)	0-11521	MIDNIGHT HEIGHTS 15 (D,S,S) (E Lindi) J Dunlop 8-11	L Piggott	88
308	(16)	10-622	FORTHWITH 18 (S) (J Ward) J Hills 8-9	D Holland	90
309	(14)	133-440	SHARJAH 11 (S) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-9	P Robinson	88
310	(11)	44-3504	JERVIA 12 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-8	A Munro	87
311	(3)	20-4001	BRANDONHURST 26 (F,S) (R Michelson) I Balding 8-8	L Dettori	91
312	(21)	42-2151	NESSUN DORMA 29 (D,F,S) (H Morrison) G Wragg 8-8	M Hills	88
313	(8)	22-3213	NARUTH 11 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-6	W Carson	88
314	(7)	44-0150	DANNY BOY 28 (S) (I Tarjdan) R Hannon 8-6	B Raymond	88
315	(20)	54-130	ERCOLUN 57 (D,S) (Sheikh Marwan Al-Maktoum) C British 8-5	S Doyle (3)	93
316	(1)	2-043	MAP OF STARS 12 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-5	M Roberts	86
317	(19)	211	LYPHARD'S DELTA 18 (F,S) (S Khalaf) H Cecil 8-5	W Ryan	87
318	(15)	60-201	SEREN QUEST 15 (D,F) (N Stewart) R Akehurst 8-3	D Harrison (5)	92
319	(9)	10-1360	DUTOISKY 39 (D,F,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 7-12	J Quinn	89
320	(22)	604100	KASSBAAN 11 (F) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 7-12	J Quinn	89
321	(18)	102111	DUVEEN 13 (D,F,S,S) (Mrs D Weatherby) M Bell 7-9	D Wright (7)	93
322	(10)	1-2363	SPICE AND SUGAR 22 (S) (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 7-8	M Carlisle	94

BETTING: 7-1 Lyphard's Delta, 8-1 Nessun Dorma, Western Cape, 10-1 Midnight Heights, Spin Doctor, 14-1 Duveen, George Tillingham, Map Of Stars, Naruth, 16-1 Seasonal Sensation, Forthwith, Lyford Cay, 20-1 others.
1992: DUKE OF EUROLINK 7-13 J Weaver (16-1) L Cumani 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

WESTERN CAPE beat Tocher Ban in a 5-runner maiden at Ascot (1m, good to soft). SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 8l 4th of 9 to Rainbow Lake in a listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). PAMZIG 11½l last of 5 to Manitoba in the group III Magnolia Stakes at York (1m 2f 110yd, good to soft). SPIN DOCTOR 4½l 4th of 7 to Tiranian Island in a conditions race at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to soft). MIDNIGHT HEIGHTS beat Yiddz 3l in a 12-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good). FORTHWITH 1½l 2nd of 7 to Barbouth in a listed handicap at Ascot (1m, soft). NESSUN DORMA beat Spring Fiyer 2l in a 9-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 3f, firm). MAP OF STARS has shot Portaferry (1m 3f, firm). SPICE AND SUGAR beat Sea Of Tranquility 3½l in a handicap at Newcastle (1m, good to firm), with JERVIA (1lb better off) ½l 4th. DUVEEN beat General Moukar a head in a 9-runner amateurs' handicap at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: LYPHARD'S DELTA

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,S,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J F jumps, F fl flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 FALMOUTH STAKES C4

(Group II: fillies & mares: £38,483: 1m) (11 runners)

401	(1)	230-316	CULTURE VULTURE 10 (D,BF,F,6,S) (C Wright) P Cole 4-9-7	Pat Eddery	93
402	(5)	4523-00	FEMININE WILES 22 (D,F,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 4 9-1	J Reid	94
403	(4)	00-1109	TENDER MOMENT 21 (S,S) (R Richards) C British 5-8-11	B Doyle	71
404	(11)	514-114	NICER 21 (C,D,BF,S,S) (Mrs J Gardner) B Hills 3-8-12	D Holland	94
405	(10)	1446-15	ANCESTRAL DANCER 45 (C,D,S) (Harbar Racing) M Bell 3-8-9	M Hills	97
406	(6)	12-	DANCING BLOOM 313 (S) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-8-8	W Carson	85
407	(7)	1-	INFORMATRICE 349 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-8	M Roberts	70
408	(8)	3103-55	MYSTIC GODDESS 37 (C,F,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-6	L Dettori	83
409	(2)	4315-12	NICHE 69 (C,F,S) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 3-8-6	L Piggott	96
410	(3)		SUMOTO 21 (S) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-6	Paul Eddery	93
411	(9)	1-2003	ZARANI SIDI ANNA 21 (V,S) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-6	W R Swinburn	98

BETTING: 3-1 Niche, 4-1 Nicer, 5-1 Zarani Sidi Anna, 13-2 Culture Vulture, 8-1 Informatrice, 12-1 Mystic Goddess, 14-1 Dancing Bloom, Feminine Wiles, Sumoto, 16-1 Ancestral Dancer, 20-1 Tender Moment.
1992: GUSSY MARLOWE 4-9-1 M Roberts (7-1) C British 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CULTURE VULTURE 2l4l 6th of 9 to Ivory Fortune in the group II Sun World International Stakes at the Curragh (1m, good to yielding). FEMININE WILES 8l4l 7th of 9 to Alikora in the group II Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m, good to soft). ANCESTRAL DANCER beat Fiion Friend 1½l in the 11-runner group III Premio Regina Elena at Capannelle on her penultimate start (1m, good). DANCING BLOOM a neck 2nd of 7 to Love Of Silver in the group III Prestige Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good to soft). NICHE 1½l 2nd of 12 to Sayyedati in the group I Madagascar 1,000 Guineas here (1m, good), with ZARANI SIDI ANNA 2¼l 7th. ZARANI SIDI ANNA 1l 3rd of 5 to Gold Splash in the group I Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m, soft), with NICER 3l 4th and SUMOTO a well-beaten 5th.
Selection: NICHE (nap)

4.10 SBJ GROUP JULY STAKES C4

(Group III: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £15,555: 6f) (6 runners)

501	(5)	11	TURTLE ISLAND 20 (G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-1	J Reid	89
502	(1)	6	ALANEES 19 (M Obaida) C British 8-10	W R Swinburn	—
503	(2)	231	FAST EDDY 19 (CD,S) (Mrs J Harris) D Loder 8-10	L Dettori	83
504	(3)	11	FIRST TRUMP 15 (D,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 8-10	M Hills	90
505	(4)	612	PRINCE BABAR 27 (S) (S Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-10	W Carson	85
506	(6)	113	WAJIBA RIVA 22 (C,S) (The Winning Team) R Hannon 8-10	Pat Eddery	89

BETTING: 5-11 Turtle Island, 5-1 Wajiba Riva, 7-2 First Trump, 7-1 Fast Eddy, 12-1 Prince Babar, 14-1 Alanees.
1992: WHARF 8-10 Pat Eddery (4-6 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

TURTLE ISLAND beat Gold Lund 2½l in the 8-runner group III Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, soft). FAST EDDY beat Aude 4l in an 11-runner maiden over course and distance (good), with ALANEES (same terms) 10l 6th. FIRST TRUMP beat Rajpresheid 1½l in a 4-runner conditions race at Newbury (6f, good). PRINCE BABAR 5l 2nd of 3 to Larson Seattle in a conditions race at Newbury (6f, good to firm). WAJIBA RIVA 2½l 3rd of 8 to Stonehatch in the group II Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, good to soft).
Selection: TURTLE ISLAND

4.45 PRINCESS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £4,581: 5f) (11 runners)

601	(4)	43	ALZIANAH 14 (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	D Harrison (5)	89
602	(2)		DAME PROSPECT (R McAuley) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond	—
603	(8)		EN CACHETTE (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	—
604	(6)		EXOTIC FOREST (W Gredley) N Wright 8-11	Paul Eddery	—
605	(10)	3	FM YOUR LADY 14 (M Stoute) B Meehan 8-11	L Dettori	84
606	(3)	05	L'ETAT C'EST MOI 20 (H De Knelwinkel) Lord Huntingdon 8-11	W R Swinburn	79
607	(7)		PETULA (M Hart) M Bell 8-11	M Hills	—
608	(1)		PROPHESY (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
609	(5)	02	RAJMAPATA 15 (F (Green) R Hannon 8-11	W Carson	88
610	(9)		REDRESS (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	A Munro	—
611	(11)		UMBRODRIONIST (H Duchovenski) L Cumani 8-11	R Cochrane	—

BETTING: 7-2 Es Cachetta, 4-1 Prophesy, 5-1 Rajmapata, 6-1 Alzianah, Redress, 8-1 Unbelmonst, 10-1 others.
1992: LAKE PLEASANT 8-11 B Raymond (8-1) R Hannon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALZIANAH 2l 3rd of 18 to Jade Pet in maiden at Salisbury (5f, good). I'M YOUR LADY 2l4l 3rd of 5 to Bathyberdie in a maiden at Chester (5f, good). RAJMAPATA 1½l 2nd of 13 to Bingol in a maiden at Newbury (5f, good). EN CACHETTE (Mar 5) is a half-sister to last season's group II Royal Lodge Stakes (1m) winner Desert Secret. PROPHECY (May 12) is by Champion miler Warning, second foal of Lancashire Oaks (1m 4f) winner Ardoisedh. REDRESS (Feb 28, cost $170,000) is a half-sister, by Storm Cat, to last season's Gimcrack Stakes (6f) winner Splendent.
Selection: RAJMAPATA

5.15 REG DAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£5,435: 2m 24yd) (9 runners)

1	(1)	20-0601	FARMER'S PET 15 (F,S,S) (D Mildmay) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-12	G Carter	91
2	(7)	623019	MILL HOUSE 11 (CD,F,S) (M Lowry) F O'Mahony 5-8-12	W R Swinburn	94
3	(8)	2414-30	ROSINA MAE 22 (CD,S) Lord Huntingdon 4-9 8	Dean McKeown	93
4	(3)	21-0502	DISPUTED CALL 11 (S) (J Hills) J Hills 4-8-0	D Holland	92
5	(2)	6-20664	ROSSILL 4 (F,S) (Brigadier Racing) M Tompkins 7-8-13	P Robinson	86
6	(6)	3/6-2000	RAGAMUFFIN ROMEO 18 (W Gredley) N Wright 4-8-11	Paul Eddery	89
7	(5)	053006	ALICE LA BELLE 12 (D,F,S) (Mrs V Ragsdale) N Callaghan 5-8-10	Pat Eddery	89
8	(4)	003401	BALZINO 6 (F) (Exors of the late K Whieldon) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-4 (4ex)	K Fallon	87
9	(9)	0651	TILTY 14 (D,S) (Mrs P Cook) R Hannon 3-8-9	M Roberts	96

BETTING: 3-1 Farmer's Pet, 4-1 Balzino, Disputed Call, 5-1 Tilty, 7-1 Rosina Mae, 8-1 Rossill, 10-1 others.
1992: KANSK 4-9-4 S Cauthen (2-1 fav) J Gosden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

FARMER'S PET beat Chokalek 2½l in 11-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, good). MILL HOUSE beat Champagne Gold 1½l in a 12-runner handicap at Sandown on penultimate start (1m 6f, good), with ROSSILL (7lb better off) around 4l 6th. ROSINA MAE 3½l 3rd of 8 to James Is Special in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good). DISPUTED CALL 5l 2nd of 10 to Western Dynasty in handicap at Lingfield (1m 6f, good to firm). ROSSILL 2½l 4th of 8 to Aston Pointer in handicap at Sandown last time out (2m 45yd, good to firm). TILTY beat Kadge 1½l in 9-runner maiden at Chepstow (2m, good).
Selection: ROSSILL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Loder	3	11	27.3	Pat Eddery	79	442	17.9
P Chapple-Hyam	11	48	22.9	W R Swinburn	56	359	16.2
H Cecil	67	305	22.0	W Carson	77	510	15.1
M Stoute	50	266	18.8	M Hills	34	232	14.7
Jimmy Fitzgerald	4	22	18.2	L Dettori	55	398	13.8
J Gosden	37	212	17.5	M Roberts	60	495	12.1

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.00 Shuttlecock. KEMPTON PARK: 7.30 Beetle Song, Broadway Ruckus. 8.00 Devilry. BATH: 5.00 Unveiled.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: Henry Cecil's Sabrehill has been impressing on the gallops, but Alasad's previous experience can tilt the balance. Alasad travelled strongly for much of his seasonal debut over 1½ miles in May. He only weakened inside the final furlong when third behind Silverdale and this shorter trip should help him. Mamara Reef and Peaches Polly are closely matched on recent running, as are Pyramis Prince and Proton. Both Lacotte and Rumpus have scope for improvement.

3.10: George Dillingham can oblige at a nice price. The colt has some decent form in maiden company, hence his lofty position in the handicap. However, he looks capable of further improvement. Lyphard's Delta will have her supporters even though she is hard to assess. Lyford Cay has possibilities although his best distance remains something of a mystery. Midnight Heights has obvious claims.

3.40 This interesting test is best left to Lester Piggott and Niche, second to Sayyedati in the 1,000 Guineas in April. Richard Hannon can be relied on to have her fighting fit. Zarani Sidi Anna, Nicer and Sumoto were third, fourth and fifth in the Coronation Stakes on soft ground. The latter two can do better, particularly Sumoto, who is making her seasonal debut.

4.10: Turtle Island impressed at Royal Ascot and should supplement those gains here. The ground will be much faster than anything he has encountered in his two starts, but he impressed in a recent workout with the Coventry Stakes winner, Stonehatch. Furthermore, Turtle Island has delighted Peter Chapple-Hyam since Ascot. Wajiba Riva, third in the Coventry, looks an honest rather than classy animal, so First Trump may prove the danger.

Julian Muscat

BATH

THUNDERER
2.15 On Golden Pond. 2.50 Urgent Request. 3.25 Long Furlong. 3.55 Haddiah. 4.25 OK Corral. 5.00 Lucadeo.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M 8YD LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 CALCULATING CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,434: 1m 3f 144yd) (6 runners)

1		3120	MR GENEALOGY 33 (B,BF,F) J White 9-5	W Newnes 5	
2		02	MY SET PEACE 12 (M Muggeridge) 9-0	Mark Denaro (7) 3	
3		0003	ON GOLDEN POND 6 P Cole 9-0	C Rutter 2	
4		5502	CONVOY 9 (B,6) W Muir 8-9	K Darley 4	
5			JACKAREW BOY M Hoskin-Ellis 8-9	G Duffield 6	
6		00-0	NATASHA NORTH 27 T Casey 8-2	N Adams 1	

9-4 My Set Peace, 3-1 Jackarew Boy, 7-2 Mr Genealogy, 9-2 On Golden Pond, 6-1 Convoy, 16-1 Natasha North.

2.50 LIMPLEY STOKE CONDITIONS STAKES

(£3,318: 1m 3f 144yd) (5)

1		00	TOUT DE VAL 25 K Bishop 4-8-13	R Perham 5	
2		2-32	DOUBLE BASS 8 (BF,6) H Cecil 3-8-10	A McGlone 3	
3		126-	URGENT REQUEST 258 (S) B Hills 3-8-10	K Darley 2	
4		21-	SEAMA 261 (S) M Pescod 3-8-5	G Duffield 1	
5		43	PISH POSH 8 W Muir 3-8-1	A Clark 4	

5-4 Double Bass, 6-4 Urgent Request, 5-1 Pish Posh, Seama, 50-1 Tout De Val.

3.25 BAXI HANDICAP (£3,289: 1m 2f 46yd) (8)

1		0033	GILDERDALE 15 (C,D,BF,F,6) J Hills 11-9-10	J Williams 5	
2		-401	SAFIR 11 (D,F) J Dunlop 3-9-8	G Duffield 6	
3		3-03	THALEROS 48 (BF) G Harwood 3-9-8	A Clark 7	
4		1-60	LAMU LADY 15 (S) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-13	Stephen Davies (5) 4	
5		0402	LOCH DUICH 15 (D,F) R Hodges 7-8-9	S Drowne (7) 1	
6		1040	DORAZINE 15 (S,S) C Hill 3-8-8	D McCabe (7) 3	
7		05-0	TIGER CLAW 167J (F) R Hodges 7-7-13	A McGlone 2	
8		0080	LONG FURLONG 7 (V,D,F,6S) T Pallatt 5-7-7	N Adams 6	

9-4 Safir, 3-1 Thalleros, 4-1 Gilderdale, 8-1 Lamu Lady, Dorazine, 10-1 Loch Duich, 14-1 Long Furlong, 16-1 Tiger Claw.

3.55 EBF EVERSHOT MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £4,378: 5f 161yd) (11)

1		50	ARABOYBILL 49 B Palling 9-0	A Clark 1	
2		22	JACOB BOGDANI 9 P Cole 9-0	C Rutter 2	
3			SHARP SPRING 1 White 9-0	W Newnes 4	
4			TALLCOAT G Harwood 9-0	M Perrett 8	
5		323	ASHKERNAZY 12 J Spearing 8-9	K Darley 6	
6		5	CHILLY TIME 14 P Murphy 8-9	J Williams 8	
7			DREAM MISSY 9 Bridger 8-9	R Pastano 5	
8		2	HADDIAH 48 J Dunlop 8-9	G Duffield 11	
9			HELLO IRELAND R Charlton 8-9	T Sprake 7	
10		46	SISTER SUSAN 12 R Hannon 8-9	D Gibbs (7) 3	
11		3440	STRAPPED 11 M Channon 8-9	A Mackay 10	

4-6 Haddiah, 4-1 Jacob Bogdani, 8-1 Hello Ireland, 10-1 Sister Susan, 14-1 Tallcoat, Ashkernazy, 16-1 Chilly Time, 20-1 Strapped, 25-1 others.

4.25 ACTON TURVILLE MAIDEN HANDICAP

(£2,884: 2m 1f 34yd) (8)

1		06/	OK CORRAL 322 (B) J White 6-9-10	R Price 5	
2		0036	MILVEL 11 Miss Gay Kelleway 4-9-6	D McCabe (7) 3	
3		0382	ROYAL PRINT 11 W Muir 4-9-5	N Day 6	
4		42/-	C D SHARPLAW 285 M Channon 3-9-0	R Price (7) 7	
5		5036	FLASH OF STRAW 113 (V) J Akehurst 4-9-4	S Wilsworth 8	
6		-303	SWIFT SPRING 23 P Cole 3-9-0	T G McLaughlin (7) 2	
7		-000	SUDANOR 15 B Millman 4-8-13	A Mackay 4	
8		/000	YOUNG JAMES 9 R Baker 5-8-5	J Williams 1	

5-2 Royal Print, 3-1 Swift Spring, 9-2 Flash Of Straw, 6-1 Milvel, 13-2 OK Corral, 8-1 C D Sharplaw, 12-1 Sudanor, 20-1 Young James.

5.00 SALTFORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP

(£2,364: 5f 11yd) (6)

1		0005	LUCEDEO 4 (D,F,6) J Spearing 9-10-0	L Aspell (5) 5	
2		004	RICKY'S TORNADO 9 D Elsworth 4-9-7	Tracey Purseglove (5) 1	
3		3223	TROIANNS 11 (D,F) A Jones 7-8-13	R Palmer (3) 2	
4		0405	WIKKLED 19 (B,D,F,6) R Hodges 5-8-12	S Maloney 4	
5		0650	HEATHYARDS GEM 12 (D,6) R Hollinshead 3-8-7	F Savage (10) 6	
6		50-0	GREEN'S STUBBS 27 (F) A Barrow 6-7-7	L Suthern (7) 3	

2-1 Trooning, 5-2 Ricky's Tornado, 3-1 Lucadeo, 9-2 Unveiled, 11-2 Heathyards Gem, 12-1 Green's Stubbs.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%, R Charlton, 6 from 16, 37.5%, R Harwood, 15 from 46, 34.8%, B Hills, 18 from 74, 24.3%, M Pescod, 3 from 18, 16.7%, R Hannon, 18 from 109, 16.5%.
JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 11 winners from 49 rides, 22.4%, K Darley, 3 from 20, 15.0%, R Perham, 5 from 46, 13.0%, A Clark, 9 from 71, 12.7%, J Williams, 21 from 188, 11.2%, only qualifiers.

REDCAR

THUNDERER
6.45 Kingston Brown. 7.10 Jomove. 7.40 Westray. 8.10 Raqs Assayf. 8.40 Dominion King. 9.10 Broctune Bay.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.10 Tajdif.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.45 NEWCASTLE UNITED CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £1,900: 7f) (8 runners)

1		50	KEEP BATTLING 11 A Harrison 9-3	S Webster 1	
2		3264	WHITE CREEK 9 (V,D		

Grey Formula One must regain magic of the circus


Ecclestone: excellence

In his grey bus at the grey grand prix in Magny-Cours last weekend, Bernie Ecclestone, Formula One's mover and shaker supreme, leaned forward on his seat and began to draw his favourite analogy.

"Having Nigel Mansell driving in IndyCars is like employing the world heavyweight boxing champion at a travelling circus," Ecclestone said. "Formula One is championship boxing, IndyCar is all-in wrestling."

A circus it may be but IndyCar, energised by Mansell's arrival, is thriving and fast achieving cult status among young European satellite television viewers.

On Sunday, for only the second time this season, the rival attractions will clash when Alain Prost, Damon Hill *et al* compete in the British grand prix at Silverstone while Mansell strives to protect his lead in the IndyCar standings in Cleveland, Ohio.

The *aficionados* of Formula One are acutely aware of the importance of comparisons. "Formula One is better than everything," Flavio Briatore, Benetton's savvy and extrovert managing director, said earlier in the season. "If we make it more entertaining, we'll kill Indy. If we don't, in two years' time, maybe Indy will kill us."

Formula One may be better but, at present, it is essentially boring as a viewing spectacle, with few lead changes and a predictable win for Prost or, if he makes a mistake, for Ayrton Senna. In IndyCars, there have been five winners of the eight races this season; at the Indianapolis 500, the lead changed 21 times.

Formula One is also tormented by the dilemma over technology. As aging IndyCar drivers perform their impersonations of heroes of a



Oliver Holt on the motor racing season's closest contest, the fight for popularity between grands prix and IndyCars

golden age, battling each other in less advanced cars at more dangerous tracks, Formula One drivers are becoming reluctantly accepted accessories.

"Within a few years, these cars could probably be driven by anybody," Max Mosley, the president of Formula One's ruling body, Fisa, said. "We have to stop technology that is replacing a racing driver with a computer."

While Formula One squabbles, with threats to overturn the results of five of the races this season, Mansell and his posse of Formula One has-beens and would-bes continue to bring a little glamour, excitement and spontaneity back to racing. When you see Mansell and Mario Andretti racing at Indianapolis at 230mph, so close to each other that one car almost obscures the other, you forget that one of them is now in his mid-50s and could not cut it in Formula One any more.

It did not seem to matter then that the situation was contrived by field-bunching yellow flags and a profusion of pitstops. It was still the most thrilling spectacle this season.

If Formula One is to recapture that feeling of old-fashioned racing excitement, with rival cars once again fighting for position at the head of the race, it has to eliminate some of the advanced technology, such as active suspension and traction control, whose absorption it has traditionally embraced, and it has to reduce the advantage of wealthier teams, such as Williams and McLaren.

IndyCar achieves that by making competitive engines, accessible and affordable to most teams, and through its "full course yellows".

In racing terms, it is all wrong, according to Ecclestone, who as president of the constructors' association controls the television rights to Formula One. "Their show is tacky and trashy and the business with the yellow flag is a transparent manipulation of a race. Formula One is excellence. We have nothing to learn from IndyCars."

To an extent, he is right. Formula One is still the pinnacle of motor sport. One needs only to compare how well Mansell has adapted to IndyCars, with Michael Andretti's faltering transition to Formula One, to see that it has the best drivers. It has also the more advanced cars and if it can hand the initiative back to the drivers and loosen the grip of the computers, as Ecclestone maintains it will, it may regain its ascendancy.

Ecclestone knows how important it is to recapture the magic. But how far do you turn back the clock? "We all yearn for oakbeams on the ceiling and the relics of the old days," Ecclestone said. "People like to think it used to be better then, but I remember what it was like in that so-called golden age of motor racing and, I can tell you, I don't want to go back."

He may have to, at least some of the way, if the sport he loves so passionately is to maintain its preeminence.

Scotland's most recent British Open winner shows little interest in a repeat performance

Lyle displays sad lack of ambition before home event

IN Ireland last week, Nick Faldo said that getting into the play-off for the Irish Open, which he then went on to win, "was like a bonfire up my bum. It was just what I needed".

If Faldo needed that sort of assistance, what does Sandy Lyle need. The 35-year-old Scot presents a sad picture, a man lacking in drive, hunger and ambition. He looks as though he has given up, sated by money and the good life. The Ryder Cup? He sounds disinterested. The Open? He dismisses his chances.

Lyle has known both triumph and tragedy in his career, rebounding from walking off the course during the 1985 Irish Open when he was not going to break 90 to winning the Open less than one month later.

Three years after that, he hit the best bunker shot since Bobby Jones's in the 1926 Open at Lytham to set up his victory in the 1988 US Masters. For a while Lyle was one of the best golfers in the world. Not any more.

He is not only not the best golfer in Europe. The man who is 136th in the Order of Merit is not the best golfer in Scotland.

Earlier this year Lyle bought a 56-room, ten-bedroomed house in Delphinton in the Scottish borders, 25 miles from Edinburgh, and while workmen are doing up the house Lyle, his wife Jolande and Lonneka, their infant daughter, live in stables at the back.

On the eve of the Bell's Scottish Open, which starts at Gleneagles today, Lyle admitted that he did not think he had any chance of winning the Open because he had not played enough golf lately, and nor was he particularly bothered about the Ryder Cup.

"I read that Bernard Gallacher [the European team's captain in the Ryder Cup] said he wondered what I was thinking about. Well, I wonder what he is thinking about," Lyle said with what for him could be described as considerable animation.

"I thought he would be looking for experience. I have been playing professional golf for 20 years. I think I should know what I'm doing." It does not appear that way, however, unless Lyle has decided to restrict his tournament appearances and move into partial retirement.

He has competed in only five events in Europe so far this year and will play this week and in next week's Open and then take a week off to record a golf challenge for television transmission later in the year.

The selection of the Ryder Cup team is seven weeks away. Surely, then, Lyle will be putting his back into the remaining tournaments to accumulate as many Ryder Cup points as possible.

Not so. He will play the BMW International Open in Munich at the beginning of August and the Murphy's English Open at the Forest of Arden two weeks later. And that is all.

After such a skimpy schedule, one is tempted to ask whether he is serious about the Ryder Cup and to conclude that he is not.

"I am not going to bust my brains out getting into the team," Lyle said. "Of course I'll try but in the end you can do yourself more harm by pushing too hard. I have nothing against the Ryder Cup but I will do what I think is necessary to get into the team but if I don't that's too bad."

Clearly the Ryder Cup means less to Lyle than many others. He declined to be considered in 1989 and went for three years without a victory before he won in October 1991, a run that kept him out of consideration for the 1991 event as well.

☐ The anticipated announcement that the PGA European Tour has extended its agreement with Sky Sports was made yesterday. The agreement gives Sky Sports exclusive live rights to ten events on the Volvo Tour from next season and the 1995 Ryder Cup from the United States.

Five events will have been shown on Sky television by the end of this year — the Cannes, Spanish, French, Austrian and Jersey Opens. Next year the Scottish, English and European Opens will be added, as will the Dunhill Cup and the senior British Open.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE


Warming up: Ballesteros competes in the Scottish Open pro-am at Gleneagles yesterday

Walker Cup choice disappoints Wales

THE announcement of the Walker Cup team may meet with general approval in England, Scotland and Ireland but it brought surprise and disappointment in Wales (John Hopkins writes).

The team to face the Americans at Interlachen in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 18 and 19 contains five Englishmen, two Scots and two Irishmen but only one Welshman — and this from the country that won the European team championship in the Czech Republic last Sunday.

"I am disappointed," John Jermine, the Wales team captain in Marianske Lazne, said. "I thought we would have had two players in the team. I am pleased for Bradley Dredge but I thought that either Richard Johnson or Mike Macara would have got in as well.

"I think Johnson was the finest striker of the ball last week and Macara won three out of three singles."

Only Padraig Harrington, of Ireland, remains from the team that was beaten 14-10 by the United States at Royal Portmarnock two years ago.

The core of the team is English. Iain Pyman, the Amateur champion, and Paul Page, the man he defeated in that high standard final at Royal Portrush, are joined by Van Phillips, Mathew Stanford and Stuart Cage, the English champion. Stanford, 24 this month, is the oldest in the team and Raymond Burns, 19, the youngest.

TEAM: R Burns (Banbridge, Ire), S Cage (Sandmoor, Engl), B Dredge (Glyn Meadowe, Wales), P Harrington (Stackstown, Ire), P Page (Dartford, Engl), I Pyman (Sandmoor, Engl), V Phillips (Stoke Poges, Engl), D Robertson (Cochrane Castle, Scot), R Russell (Longriddy, Scot), M Stanford (Sanford, Eng. Non-travelling reserves: N Anderson (Shandon Park, N Ire), R Johnson (Cardiff, Wales).

Clemence sacked after 12 years at Spurs

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RAY Clemence was dismissed as assistant coach of Tottenham Hotspur yesterday as Osvaldo Ardiles continued his restructuring of the Premier League football club.

Clemence, the former England goalkeeper, who had been at White Hart Lane for 12 years as player and coach, said he was "bitterly disappointed". He had three years of a five-year contract left to run and will be seeking compensation.

Ardiles had already recruited another former Tottenham player, Chris Hughton, to the coaching staff after his appointment as manager in the wake of the Alan Sugar-Terry Venables High Court confrontation. He also confirmed that Steve Perryman had signed a four-year contract as assistant manager. Perryman, who resigned as manager of Watford on Monday, will work alongside Doug Livermore, the first-team coach, who is also to act as chief scout.

A new British transfer record will be established within the next 24 hours when Brian Deane moves from Sheffield United to Leeds United for £3.5 million. Blackburn Rovers set the previous record when they paid Southampton £3.2 million for Alan Shearer.

The Yorkshire clubs agreed on a deal yesterday evening, after Leeds' initial bid of £2.5 million for the England striker had been rejected.

"Every player has his price," Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, said. Bassett has been told he will be able to spend a substantial part of the fee on new players. Deane cost Sheffield United £35,000 when he joined them from Doncaster Rovers in 1988.

Ian Wright, the Arsenal and England forward, has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute. The Football Association acted after receiving "numerous" complaints from television viewers and FA council members, who claimed that Wright had made a gesture to a linesman during the FA Cup final replay.

Jean-Pierre Bernès, general secretary of Marseilles, has been formally notified of an investigation into alleged bribery — a prelude to criminal charges — and remanded in custody by a judge in Valenciennes, France.

Limited Edition on best behaviour

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

A SUPERBLY-judged round by Nick Skelton on Everest Limited Edition brought him a well-deserved win in The Pentech 2000 jumping competition at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh yesterday.

Skelton, who had withdrawn Showtime from competition on Monday after criticising the course, had no complaints yesterday. He was more concerned with trying to puzzle out the moods of the Belgian-bred Limited Edition in an event which was the second qualifier for the national championship today.

Skelton has ridden the horse since he was bought by Sue Welch from Paul Schockemöhle in Germany two years ago. Last month, they won five classes in a row on the continent. But at Aachen last week, the horse put up a dismal performance.

"He just didn't want to jump, he hated it," Skelton said. "Now he's jumping better than ever. I can't understand why he should change."

Eight horses reached the jump-off yesterday. Liz Edgar, second on the opening day, set the standard with a clear round on her new grey, Everest Premiere. Mark McCourt, on Lapaz, then cut nearly a second off her time.

Limited Edition, who returned from Aachen on Monday, then produced a copybook round. Skelton scarcely needed to take a pull as they met each fence on a perfect stride, going round in a time of 39.04sec.

Today, Skelton, who lives only a few miles from Stoneleigh, will ride Limited Edition in the national championship in an attempt to halt the Whitaker family's monopoly on the title.

RESULTS: Pentech 2000: 1, Everest Limited Edition (N Skelton), 0 faults, 39.04sec; 2, Benjuman II (W Clarke), 0, 40.12; 3, Lapaz (M McCourt), 0, 40.41. Hunter breeding championship: 1, H G Hindle's and A Riddiough's Bright and Fair; 2, E P Scott's Stale Secret.

Chelimo laps up record royalties

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

WHILE Richard Chelimo was asleep yesterday afternoon at the suburban three-bedroomed semi he shares with five fellow Kenyan international athletes in Upper Norwood, south London, a value was being put on his new status as 10,000 metres world record-holder. If the asking price is met, Crystal Palace could witness a 5,000 metres to remember at the TSB grand prix two weeks on Friday.


Chelimo: TSB possible

John Bicourt, the London agent who manages Chelimo and Rob Denmark, Britain's European Cup 5,000 metres winner, wants his athletes to race at the Palace in an attempt to run the fastest time seen in this country. "Rob is looking for a confrontation with someone, not a race he knows he is going to win, and I cannot think of a better person than Chelimo," Bicourt said.

"I think Richard can run close to 13 minutes, and Rob could do the same, so it would be a great clash." It may be agent's sales talk but surely a tempting match for any promoter.

Bicourt declined to quote an asking price, though it is likely to be close to $50,000 (about £33,000) for the pair. It will be up to Andy Norman, the British Athletic Federation's promoter, to decide its worth.

Date	Name	Time
1 11.53	E Zatopek (Cz)	29:01.6
1.6.54	E Zatopek (Cz)	28:54.2
15 7.56	S Iharos (Hun)	28:42.8
11.9.58	V Kuts (USSR)	28:30.4
15 10.60	P Bolotnikov (USSR)	28:18.8
11.8.62	P Bolotnikov (USSR)	28:18.2
18.12.83	R Clarke (Aus)	28:15.6
14 7.85	R Clarke (Aus)	27:39.4
3.9.72	L Viren (Fin)	27:38.4
13.7.73	D Bedford (GB)	27:30.8
30 8.77	S Kimotwa (Ken)	27:30.5
11.7.78	H Rono (Ken)	27:22.5
2.7.84	F Mamede (Por)	27:13.81
18.8.89	A Barrios (Mex)	27:08.23
5.7.93	R Chelimo (Ken)	27:07.91

It is Arturo Barrios — the Mexican whose world record Chelimo beat in Stockholm on Monday night by running 27min 07.91sec — who holds the fastest 5,000 metres time in Britain, 13:07.79. Chelimo's best at the distance is 13:10.46; Denmark's 13:10.24.

Chelimo, 21, the 10,000 metres world junior champion in 1990, has won world and Olympic silver medals in the last two years. Since linking with Bicourt in 1991, Chelimo has been based in London. Don Faircloth, the 1970 Commonwealth Games marathon bronze medal winner and now contract manager for Croydon sports arena, arranged for the Kenyans to be issued with free passes to train on the track.

Chelimo, of the Kalenjin tribe, comes from a running family: his brother, Ismael Kirui, is a world cross-country bronze medal winner and his cousin, Moses Kiptanui, is the world record-holder for the 3,000 metres and 3,000 metres steeplechase. When winning his world junior title, Chelimo's nearest challenger was his brother, prompting confusion over their different surnames. "In our tribe, you are allowed to take the name of your grandfather," Chelimo replied.

Kenya is famous for its Nandi tribe of runners, of which Kiptanui is one. In Britain, we celebrate Basildon, home to Denmark, Eamonn Martin, the Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion, and Matthew Yates, the European indoor 1,500 metres champion. A win over Chelimo would help Denmark's claim to be head of the Basildon tribe.

Palmeiro maintains superb batting run

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

RAFAEL Palmeiro, of the Texas Rangers baseball club, who was hitting poorly early in the season, has a superb .380 batting average over his last 100 at-bats. On Sunday, he hit a two-run home run that helped the Rangers, challengers in the American League West, to beat the Detroit Tigers 8-6.

The Rangers have won seven of their last nine games and took three of four against Detroit in their weekend series. The Tigers have lost 12 of 13, including a ten-game losing streak, the longest in the major leagues this season.

A single by the pitcher, Mitch Williams, scored Pete Incaviglia with the winning run in the tenth inning on Saturday, giving the Philadelphia Phillies a 6-5 home win over the San Diego Padres that ended a 12-hour doubleheader.

San Diego won the first game 5-2 in a contest interrupted by rain three times for a total of six hours. The second game ended at 4:35am, 12 hours after the first game had been scheduled to start. About 1,200 supporters from the original 54,617 were still on hand at the end.

The Texas Rangers slugger, Jose Canseco, said a torn elbow ligament has ended his season and might hamper his career. He believes he hurt himself in a one-inning pitching stint in May. Anthony Young's bad luck continued on Friday when he extended his major-league record to 25 consecutive losses for the New York Mets, falling to the San Francisco Giants 3-1 in a game shortened to five innings by rain.

Don Drysdale, a ten-time All-Star with the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers in the Fifties and Sixties, died of a heart attack in his hotel room in Montreal on Saturday, the club announced.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (70842)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18751910)
9.05 Morning Surgery. What is available to alleviate sufferers of indigestion and a look at the benefits of hormone replacement therapy for women (s) (1631533) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** Recipes from Mark Gregory and John Dicken (s) (5073674) **9.45 Whatever Happened To . . ?** Gordon Honeycombe looks at stories that were once headline news (s) (1331020)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3078804) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (4315282) **10.30 Bump.** Animation (r) (7178200) ***10.35 A Summer Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick*** series (6167804).
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6065939) **11.05 Knots Landing** (r) (4499804) **11.50 National Trust Gardens.** A visit to Anglesey Abbey, Cambridgeshire (r) (8861129)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7695910) **12.05 Rediscovery of the World.** An exploration of the islands along the coast of Papua New Guinea (1689007) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (36337939)
1.00 *One O'Clock News* with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (94303)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (7226648) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (24000736)
2.20 *Hawaii Five-O.* McGarrett looks for a murderer who leaves cryptic clues to the identity of his next victim (r) (3733856) **3.10 Bazaar.** Domestic advice magazine (2883842) **3.40 Turnabout.** Word game presented by Rob Curling (s) (9583264)
4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant. (Ceefax) (s) (3364842) **4.35 The Really Wild Roadshow.** Wildlife series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1281849)
5.00 Newsround (6348587) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Episode seven of the 20-part children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (5954262)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (251991). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (991)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (571). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (2755)
7.30 Tomorrow's World In Paris. With Howard Stableford and Judith Hann (r). (Ceefax) (s) (755)
8.00 International Athletics. Action from the Lausanne grand prix, introduced by Helen Rollason with Brendan Foster. Continues on BBC2 (3113)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2736)
9.30 Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott is joined by Robert Powell, Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis (r). (Ceefax) (s) (936945)



Sue Johnston and Alun Armstrong (10.10pm)

10.10 Goodbye Cruel World (r). (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (106397)
10.55 Cricket. Highlights from one of today's NatWest Trophy second round matches (s) (844264). **Wales:** Glamorgan v Durham highlights
11.55 Weather (745910). Ends at **12.00. Northern Ireland** (to 12.45): Disabled Lives
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (276175) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (71717)

BBC2

7.10 Open University: Education — From Theory to Therapy (6785303) **7.35** Religion and Society in Victorian Bristol (3744587)
8.00 Breakfast News (2581281)
8.15 Westminster. *A round up of yesterday's business* in both Houses (1833991)
9.00 Film: World for Ransom (1954, b/w) starring Dan Duryea and Gene Lockhart. Drama about a Singapore-based American private detective hired by his former lover to help her husband threatened by gangsters. The case ends up with a murder and a plot to kidnap a prominent nuclear scientist. Directed by Robert Aldrich (6557991)
10.20 Cricket. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of one of today's NatWest Trophy second round matches. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Ray Illingworth and Jack Bannister (s) (10119215). **Wales:** Glamorgan v Durham
12.45 Look, Stranger: Man and Mountain. A profile of Joss Naylor, a Cumberland sheep farmer, who was almost crippled when younger and had three discs removed from his spine. To build himself up to fitness he ran up to 50 miles a day and eventually became a champion fell runner (r) (5235533)
1.05 Forget-Me-Not Farm. Puppet series. With the voices of Bob Peck and Anna Carteret (r) (17289939)
1.20 Cricket. Further live coverage of a 60-overs-a-side NatWest Trophy second round match, 1.20-4.20 (24394823) 4.20-6.00 (26297755) 6.00-7.45 (87825026). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50. Wales:** Glamorgan v Durham
7.45 Summer Wildlife: Tibits. A portrait of a year in the life of a pair of blue tits, narrated by David Attenborough (r). (Ceefax) (376262)



Nazi creed on film: Josef Goebbels (8.10pm)

8.10 We Have Ways Of Making You Think: Goebbels — Master of Propaganda (r). See Choice (668945)
9.00 International Athletics *continued from BBC1.* Further coverage of the Lausanne grand prix. The commentators are David Coleman, Stuart Storey and Paul Dickenson (4638)
9.30 Discovering Beethoven: The Fifth Symphony — a Search for a Happy Ending. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in a performance of the Fifth Symphony, recorded at a concert-lecture at the Barbican Centre in London (s)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (977007)
11.15 Nation. See Choice (144723)
11.55 Weather (743552)
12.00 Madmen and Specialists. Wole Soyinka's dark and ironic study of civil war and its aftermath (786779). Ends at **1.35**

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Choice

Goodbye Cruel World
BBC1, 10.10pm

Tony Marchant's impressive three-part drama is being repeated on consecutive nights. It features an heroic performance by Sue Johnston as a middle-aged woman who is diagnosed as suffering from a fatal muscle-wasting disease. Her first reaction is to keep the news from her loyal husband (Alun Armstrong) but the truth comes out and she decides to set up a self-help group with other victims. Marchant's script traces the impact of the woman's affliction on herself and her family and emphasises the difficulty of getting research funds for a minority disease. If *Goodbye Cruel World* sometimes has the whiff of a case-history dressed up as drama, it is admirably unsentimental and the integrity of the playing gives it a human face.



Trevor Phillips on racial attacks (BBC2, 11.15pm)

Nation
BBC2, 11.15pm

Trevor Phillips hosts a new series of studio debates on topical issues. The programme differs from others of its type in that the audience, of 100 people, has been chosen to be a rough cross-section of the population in terms of age, sex, class, race and religion. Moreover the same audience will appear throughout the series. No one suggests that *Nation* represents a scientific test of public opinion but it does promise to give the flavour of what ordinary people are thinking. Tonight's topic is racial attacks and what should be done to stop them. The matter is of particular relevance in Birmingham, where the series is recorded, with a growing feeling among the city's large ethnic minority that the law is providing inadequate protection.

We Have Ways of Making You Think
BBC2, 8.10pm

A lively portrait of Josef Goebbels is repeated from last year's excellent series on the manipulative uses of film. Its theme is that contrary to received wisdom. Hitler's propaganda minister believed that the best way to sway minds was through entertainment. Hitler favoured putting over the Nazi creed by intercutting footage of Jews and rats. Goebbels preferred to sugar the message in sumptuous historical epics inspired by a Hollywood favourite, *Gone With the Wind*. Goebbels was hardly a good Nazi himself, offending against party orthodoxy by owning several homes, visiting night clubs and cheating on his wife with glamorous film stars.

An Exchange of Fire
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Tony Bicat, the writer and director of this kidnap thriller, has obviously never watched *'Allo 'Allo!* Otherwise he would surely not have inflicted on poor Frank Finlay the line: "Listen carefully, I shall say this only once". To his credit, Finlay refrains from giggling. Perhaps he has not seen the French resistance comedy either. Finlay plays the leader of the terrorist gang which has bungled one attempt to kidnap the daughter of the Czechsolavak president by seizing the wrong girl but gets a second chance. Since the victims (played by Clare Woodgate and Juliette Caton) could be sisters, the mistake is made to look credible. The plot is serviceable, though complicated by too many side issues. It comes to a climax in, of all the unlikely places, Cockfosters. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Sharon Maughan (5227649)
9.25 Talkabout. Lighthearted word game presented by Andrew O'Connor (5985485) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4324910)
10.00 Out Of This World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl who inherits her alien father's powers (r) (s) (62262)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday family magazine series (91315465)
12.10 Allsorts. For the very young (r) (s) (2189823)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (7479200) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17285113)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (738574) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (737945)
2.15 One in 5 Million. Caroline Quentin finds out what makes capital women click (s) (656026) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama serial (2838002)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3270668) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3279939) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Drama series set in an Australian city hospital (2789465)
3.50 Cartoon featuring Elmer Fudd (9831194) **3.55 Scooby Doo** (r) (5551281) **4.20 How 2.** Facts and fun show presented by Fred Dinenage, Carol Vorderman and Gareth Jones (r) (9963910) **4.40 Go Getters** Dave Lee Travis introduces another celebrity treasure hunt (2767262)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2267484)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (9749451)
6.00 London Tonight (47561)
7.00 Fantastic Facts! Jonathan Ross with another collection of strange but true stories. With Fiona Armstrong and Will Lunn (s) (7823)



Defensive: Elizabeth Dawn as Vera (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Vera comes to the aid of husband Jack, threatened in the Rovers by a stranger. (Teletext) (823)
8.00 Film: Rockabye (1986) starring Valerie Bertinelli and Rachel Ticotin. Drama about a young mother in New York who has her young son snatched during July 4 celebrations. Depressed by the lack of police assistance she willingly accepts help offered by an ambitious woman reporter. Directed by Richard Michaels. (Teletext) (9397)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (82465) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (735113)
10.40 Sport in Question presented by Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves. The guests include Steve Smith and Mickey Stewart (s) (441228)
11.40 Film: Fun With Dick and Jane (1976) starring George Segal and Jane Fonda. Comedy about a redundant business executive and his wife who resort to a life of crime in order to maintain their opulent lifestyle. Directed by Ted Kotcheff (827194)
1.30am Entertainment UK. Leisure time guide (s) (66750)
2.30 America's Top Ten (s) (23750)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (r) (89601)
4.00 60 Minutes. Award-winning American news magazine (r) (54345)
5.00 Riviera. French drama series (77934)
5.30 ITN Morning News (97137). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. *Cat cartoon* (1168910) **6.45 Ovide** (9920823)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (11026)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American teenage drama series (92842)
9.30 Batman and Robin. The masked crusader and his sidekick help retrieve explosives stolen by the Wizard and his henchmen (6641303) **9.50 Joshua in a Box.** Cartoon by American director John Lange (4323281)
9.55 Once Upon A Time . . . Space. An animated exploration of the galaxy (r) (6539736) **10.25 Kideo.** Life's mysteries explained (r) (4415216)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Part one of an adventure in which Hergé's hero finds a model sailing boat that could lead him to hidden treasure (r) (5325303)
11.20 The Next Big Thing. The story of a rock band's search for stardom (r) (s) (7561484) **11.50 Ginger Nutt's Forest Dragon.** *Animation by David Hand* (8781939)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins with a round up of yesterday's business in both Houses (89378)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is singer Ziggy Marley (r) (58397) **1.30 Sandokan.** Swashbuckling adventures of a pirate prince (r) (20113)
2.00 Oceans of Wealth. The second of four programmes examining the problems involved in developing the oceans' resources (r) (14373552)
2.25 *Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket.* *Brough* Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races (66526303)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (736)
5.00 Film: The Jungle Book (1942) starring Sabu. Rudyard Kipling's classic tale of a young Indian boy who is brought up in the jungle by a pack of wolves. *Directed by Zoltan Korda* (93571)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (203026)
7.50 Party Political Comment by a Labour party politician (369007)
8.00 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (4113)
8.30 Tour de France. The 85km team time trial from Dinard to Avranches (3620)
9.00 Camera of Courage: Hello, Do You Hear Us? *The third of a five-part tribute to the late Latvian film-maker* Juris Podnieks. The first part of the programme focuses on Soviet soldiers returning from Afghanistan to find their country in turmoil. The *second part examines the rise of Soviet pluralism* (r) (9587)



Clare Woodgate and Juliette Caton (10.00pm)

10.00 An Exchange of Fire. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (322939)
11.40 ENG. Canadian drama series about a television newsgathering team. (Teletext) (s) (209858)
12.40am One Night Stand. The American comedian Jimmy Tingle recorded at the Old Vic Theatre, Chicago (s) (3465088)
1.15 Film: Lohi Ni Saggal (1980). Indian drama about the madam of a brothel who successfully raises her daughter and sees her happily married despite the distractions of her profession. Directed by Arun Bhatt and Kishore Vyas. In Gujerati with English subtitles (38718663). Ends at **3.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Gardening Time (658026) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2267484) ***6.00 Home and Away*** (387823) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (523007) **10.40** Film: Warning Sign (22073668) **12.35** Film: The Chinese Connection (581446) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6280088) **2.40** 60 Minutes (2409773) **3.35** Cue the Music (9447250) **4.30** Riviera (96994311) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6836934)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15 Out of Limits (22174804) **2.25** Scottish Parliamentary Question Time (3645649) **3.20-3.50** GF (2789465) **6.00** Lookaround (587) **6.30-7.00** Blockbuster (936) **10.40** Film: Grandview USA (22073668) **12.35** Film: The Chinese Connection (581446) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6280088) **2.40** 60 Minutes (2409773) **3.35** Cue the Music (9447250) **4.30** Riviera (96994311) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6836934)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (738574) **1.45** Home and Away (737945) **2.15-2.45** The Royal Show (656026) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (2789465) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2267484) **6.00** Home and Away (387823) **8.25-7.00** Central News (523007) **10.40** Film: The Greatest American Hero (60809216) **12.25** Tour of Duty (3926953) **1.25** Entertainment UK (24421237) **2.25** Stage Three (1484205) **3.25** BPM (8777972) **4.25-5.20** Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (738574) **1.45** Home and Away (24014939) **2.10-2.45** The De Medici Kitchen (3306666) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (2789465) **5.10-5.40** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (2267484). **6.00.** Home and Away (587). **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (939) **10.40** Film: Grandview, USA (22073668) **12.35** Film: The Chinese Connection (581446) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6280088) **2.40** 60 Minutes (2409773) **3.35** Cue the Music (9447250) **4.30** Riviera (96994311) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6836934)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (737945) **2.15-2.45** Giving the Empire a Lift (656026) **6.00** HTV News (587) **6.30-7.00** The West Country Game (939) **10.40** Film: Take This Job and Shove It (22073668) ***12.35 Film: The Chinese Connection*** (581446) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6280088) **2.40** 60 Minutes (2409773) **3.35** Cue the Music (9447250) **4.30** Riviera (96994311) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6836934)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Poisy Square

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Southern Gold (656026) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (587) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (939) **10.40** Disaster at Silo 7 (22155216) **12.30-1.20** Equalizer

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (656026) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (279649) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (936) **10.40** Street Legal (772945) **11.35** The Equalizer (571597) **12.30** American Gladiators (2193175) **1.20** Hollywood Report

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.45 A Country Practice (7981587) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2789465) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (47581) **10.40** Unisex: Champions, the Captain's Log (116295) **11.35** Wanted: Dead or Alive (1875822) **11.55** IndyCar 93 (965552) **12.25** Pop Profile (2036040)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 The Young Doctors (737945) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Focus (656026) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2789465) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (47581) **10.40** Film: 11th Victim (22155216) **12.35** Film: The Chinese Connection (581446) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6280088) **2.40** 60 Minutes (2409773) **3.35** Cue the Music (9447250) **4.30** Riviera (96994311) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6836934)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (656026) **5.55** Calendar (279649) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (936) **10.40** Street Legal (772945) **11.35** The Equalizer (571597) **12.30** American Gladiators (2193175) **1.20** Hollywood Report (1736405)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (11026) **9.00** Saved By the Bell (5973620) **9.25** Foofur (1163622) **9.55** Batman and Robin (9540574) **9.55** Sterkarm (6548262) **10.20** Kideo (4416945) **10.50** Tintin (5160991) **11.20** Better Late Than Never (6052465) **11.30** The Next Big Thing (9939) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (89378) **12.30** Slot Methrin (21842) **1.00** Take Five (14113) **1.30** A Different World (20113) **2.00** Oceans of Wealth (14373552) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (66526303) **4.30** Press Gang (736) **5.00** Fifteen To One (8129) **5.30** Brookside (216) **6.00** News (754571) **6.10** Heno (636910) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5465) **7.30** Credo (465) **8.00** Tocyn Teithio (4113) **8.30** News (877736) **8.55** An Exchange of Fire (25092688) **10.30** Hwyr Neu Hwyrach (3162213) **11.15** Tour de France (8202216) **11.45** Cricket (901484) **12.20** People First (9873589) **12.50** The Jazz Package (9037514) **1.15** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
8.00am The DJ Kat Show (16992945) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (3007991) **9.10** Cartoons (8088113) **9.30** *The Pyramid Game* (48216) **10.00** Card Sharks (5636620) **10.25** Concentration (8243736) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2588939) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (76842) **11.30** Falcon Crest (12216) **12.30pm** E Street (47804) **1.00** Another World (4773991) **1.45** Three's Company (3751293) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (948804) **3.15** Different Strokes (3631194) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5226755) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3216) **6.00** Games World (4620) **6.30** E Street (8200) **7.00** Rescue (4945) **7.30** Full House (4484) **8.00** Hunter (81216) **9.00** LA Law (86552) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (29899) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (33262)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am *Sunrise (20302)* ***6.30*** *News and* Business Report (948262) **9.30** Talkback (38910) **10.30** Fashion TV (95656) **11.30** International Business Report (10858) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (95662) **1.30** CBS *This Morning (45151)* **2.30** Parliament Live (32465) **3.30** Parliament Live (21574) **4.30** News and Business Report (1397) **5.00** *Live at Five* (556910) **7.30** Fashion TV (2026) **9.30** Talkback (24736) **11.30** CBS News (21200) **12.30am** Fashion TV (59601) **1.30** CBS News (19866) **2.30** Those Were The Days (34224) **3.30** ABC News (48069) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (48665) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (51358)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2170484)
10.00 The Deerslayer (1978) Sequel to *The Last of the Mohicans* (41620)
12.00 The Best Man (1964): Presidential candidates seek nomination. With Henry Fonda and Cliff Robertson (26484)
2.00pm Chilly Scenes of Winter (1979): John Heard tries to win back girlfriend Mary Beth Hurt (82991)
4.00 The Last Escape (1970). Stuart Whitman attempts to smuggle a rocket scientist out of Germany (5620)
6.00 The Deerslayer (as 10am) (85255)
8.00 Narrow Margin (1990): Gene Hackman protects Anne Archer, witness to a Mafia slaying (51200)
10.00 Blind Vision (1990): Lenny Von Dohlen is a prime murder suspect (966397)
11.40 Carnal Crimes (1991) Erotic drama in which a lawyer's wife discovers that her lover is a serial killer (364200)
1.20am Devil's Odds (1987): Beau Bridges and Bubba Smith discover a private army plotting to conquer America (1268156)
2.50 Silver Bullet (1985). Corey Haim and Gary Busey stalk a werewolf (5970869)
4.30 The Rape of Dr Willis (1991) Jaclyn Smith operates on her assailant (36021). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Harvey (1950, b/w): James Stewart befriends an invisible rabbit (86945)
8.00 Rocky II (1979). Sylvester Stallone steps back into the ring (65262)
10.00 The Getaway (1972): Steve McQueen and Ali MacGraw rob a bank (2501113). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Man Inside (1990): Jurgen Prochnow infiltrates a German newspaper (66303)
8.00 Treasure Island *(1968): High seas* adventure with Christian Bale and Charlton Heston (42738378)
10.15 The Bedsitting Room (1969): Spike Milligan's surreal post-holocaust comedy. With Rita Tushingham (39475991)
12.00 House of Frankenstein (1945, b/w): Monster outing with Boris Karloff (24025)
2.00pm The Bingo Long Travelling All-Stars and Motor Kings (1976): Comedy about a black American baseball team. With Bill Dee Williams (80533)
4.00 Treasure Island (as 8am) (84013129)
6.15 Lost in the Barrens (1990). A city boy and an American Indian are lost in the wilderness (74769262)
8.00 O Pioneers! (1992). Jessica Lange inherits her father's farm (51282)
10.00 Nightshawks (1979). Sylvester Stallone and Billy Dee Williams pursue terrorist Rutger Hauer (964939)
11.40 The Checkered Flag (1991): Racing drivers fall out over a woman (3628842)
1.20am Disturbed (1990). Malcolm Mc-Dowell descends into madness (5282443)
3.00 Serial (1981). Satire on Californian lifestyles in the early 1980s (3796885)
4.40 Lifeguard (1976): Drama with Sam Elliot (9526953). Ends at **5.55**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (60842) **7.00** Watersports World (61281) **8.00** World Team Pool (62910) **9.00** Prime Bodies (99378) ***9.30 Formula One Power Boat Championship*** (26910) **10.00** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (19674) **12.00** Individual Karate Championship (16533) **1.00pm** The Footballers' Football Show (25281) **2.00** *Welsh Open Snooker (795587)* **5.00** *Motor World* (3261) **5.30** NHRA Drag Racing (6007) **6.00** Watersports World (18945) **7.00** Horse Racing (75216) **9.00** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (39823) **11.00** Australian Rugby League (48991) **1.00-4.00am** Welsh Open Snooker (6085972)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (96755) **8.00** IAAF Athletics (64378) **9.00** Tour de France (88587) **10.00** Tennis: Swiss Open (50701129) **2.30** Tour de France (39567) **4.00** Tennis: Swiss Open (32674) **5.30** Triathlon World Cup (18397) **6.30** Eurosport News (2668) **7.00** IAAF Athletics (343668) **10.00** Tour de France (44755) **11.00** Motor Racing: French Grand Prix (93668) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (89156)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (8642303) **7.30** Neighbours (8556910) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (24801113) **8.30** EastEnders (2489484) **9.00** The Bill (2470736) **9.30** Moon and Son (7893552) **10.30** Big Deal (4104484) **11.30** Happy Ever After (3611464) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2483200) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8247910) **1.00** EastEnders (8541674) **1.30** The Bill (9246281) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (2552649) **2.30** Citizen Smith (5427007) **3.00** Dallas (3615200) **4.00** Dynasty (3801007) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2648129) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5421823) **6.00** Neighbours (5428736) **6.30** Moon and Son (6761688) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (5431200) **8.00** EastEnders (2565113) **8.30** Citizen Smith (2544820) ***9.00 Big Deal (2532213)*** ***10.00*** The Bill (2554129) **10.30** Lazarus and Dingwall (2477849) **11.00** Top of the Pops (7225842) **11.40** Dr Who (3704945) **12.10am** Film: Beau Bandit (1930, b/w) starring Rod La Rocque (65711359) **1.15-2.00** Video Bites (1315175)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack, in the Box (87194) **7.00** Ratkan II (43282) **9.00** Jack in the Box (33397) **11.00** Stories Without Words (58484) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (59113) **12.00** Interbeing (52303) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (65823) **2.00** Stories Without Words (2571) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (2823) **3.00** Babar (2470465) **3.25** Ratkan II (50144649) **5.00** The Bartons (3823) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (3939) **6.00** Fame (58587)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Whatever Happened to the People's Home?
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including William Lawes (Fantasia-Suite No 8 in D); Bliss (March of Homage); Haydn (Symphony No 97 in C); Ravel (Daphnis and Chloe, Suite No 2)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Korngold. Lieder des Abschieds, Op 14; String Quartet No 1, Op 16, first movement; Concerto for piano, left hand, Op 17
10.00 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe. Scharwenka (Polish National Dances, Op 3; Seta Tanyel, piano); Tausch (Concerto for two clarinets No 2 in B flat; Thea King and Nicholas Bucknall, clarinets; English Chamber Orchestra under Leopold Hager); Dohnányi (*String Quartet No 2*, movements 1 and 2; Gabrieli Quartet); Mahler (Der Spielman, Das Klagende Lied; Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly); Kodály (Sonata for solo cello, final movement; Lluis Claret); attrib Bach (Bist du bei Mir, BWV 508; Elly Ameling, soprano, Gustav Leonhardt, harpsichord, Angelica May, cello); Czerny (Variations on Gott erhalte Franz der Kaiser for piano and string quartet; Maureen Jones, piano; Die Kammermusiker Zurich)
12.00 Poet and Purist: Germany in the 1880s. The fourth of five programmes, presented by Jonathan Swain, tracing the parallel development of symphony and symphonic poem. Brahms (Symphony No 3 in F); Strauss (Don Juan) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Liszt: Malcolm Binns, piano, plays Sonata in B minor; Two Legends: St Francis of Assisi Preaching to the Birds; St Francis of Paola Walking on the Waves
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.30 Lute Music by Bach: Goran Söllscher, guitar, plays Suite in G minor, BWV 995
4.00 Choral Evensong from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford
5.00 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas
7.30 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Grant Llewellyn performs Anthony Powers (Terrain); Mendelssohn (*Violin Concerto in E minor*: Raphael Oleg); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
9.20 Sold Short Stories: The Bag. Read by Peter Howell (3/4)
9.30 Ruggles and Schuller: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Elgar Howarth performs Ruggles (Angels for six muted trumpets); Gunther Schuller (Symphony for brass and percussion); Ruggles (Angels for four muted trumpets and three muted trombones)
10.00 Grieg's Piano Music: Ronan O'Hora plays Four Lyric Pieces: Arietta, Op 12 No 1; Elves' Dance, Op 12 No 4; Folk Melody, Op 12 No 5; Butterfly, Op 43 No 1; Holberg Suite, Op 40; Four Lyric Pieces: Erotic, Op 43 No 5; Selcin, Op 65 No 4; Valse mélancolique, Op 68 No 6; Remembrances, Op 71 No 7
10.45 Night Waves: Colin Ford considers art and reportage
11.30 Hausmusik performs Spohr (Nonet in F, Op 31); Weber (Clarinet Quintet in B flat, Op 34). *Presented by Antony Pay*
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am *Shipping Forecast* ***6.00*** News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather **6.10** Farming Today at the Royal Show **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves, whose birthday guest is the artist Tom Phillips
10.00-10.30 The Joy of Smelling (FM only): Michael Collie discovers the importance of smell in food and its therapeutic value
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Numbers. Read by Michael Hordern (5/9) (r)
10.30 Women's Hour talks to the employment secretary David Hunt; looks at orchids; reports on parents who send their children to Saturday school; and discusses significant others. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: The team holds a plant clinic at the Gardeners' World Live Show at Birmingham's NEC (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm A Perfect Spy, by John le Carré (2/6). Starring James Fox as Magnus Pym **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, *with* James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Safe In Our Hands: 1969-1979 — The Long Surprise. Third of a four-part drama serial by Colin Douglas on the history of the National Health Service through the lives of two generations of Edinburgh doctors
2.47 Smashing Pots: Nigel Barley shares his passion for African pots (r)
3.00 News; File on 4 (r)
3.42 RSVP: See Choice
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the week's new film releases, including Matthew Modine in *Equinox*; assesses the career of the Italian director Roberto Rossellini; and listens to music from Ethiopia
4.45 Short Story: Tam O'Shanter, by Donna Tartt. Read by Harry Towb
5.00 PM Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993: Round One — The North West of England (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Costing the Earth examines population growth (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Age to Age: Christopher Cook finds out how miners lived and worked 80 years ago (r)
8.45 The Reith Lectures: Representations of the Intellectual — Intellectual Exiles. Professor Edward Said looks at intellectuals both as expatriates and as people on the margin of their own society and considers how exile inspires their thinking
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Jericho. Written and read by Dirk Bogarde (10/12)
11.00 Adventures at the Edge of the World: Christina Dodwell explores Russia's Kamchatka peninsula (2/3) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Stirling Moss's Grand Prix Night. *Radio 5, 7.30pm.*
Motor racing has produced many home-grown heroes, few more distinguished than Stirling Moss, a legend in his own lapttime. Moss presses the starter button and sets off for a close look at the way the sport has changed over the years and to examine with guests the prospects for next Sunday's British Grand Prix at Silverstone. It is hard to believe that it was 90 years ago that the first closed-circuit racing was held in Britain. Moss won 16 *grands prix* before a crash forced his retirement in 1962. He was never a world champion: Nigel Mansell was, of course, and the programme looks at his progress after switching to IndyCar racing.

RSVP. *Radio 4, 3.42pm.*
How could a man whose name was linked with Nazi ideals have been anything but anti-Semitic? Although not absolved until after his death, Friedrich Nietzsche strongly denied any such tendency in a letter he wrote to his sister Elisabeth expressing his opposition to it as "absolutely clear and unequivocal". Matthew Parris draws his own conclusions in the second of his series. **Kenneth Gosling**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes Into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Womanfolk: Sally Barker and the Rhythm **8.30** Gerry Anderson's Ireland **9.00** *Black Voices: a capella music (1/5)* **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and s

Australia happy to escape with draw after seventh-wicket partnership saves them in third Test

Battling England rediscover lost spirit

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE *(final day of five): England drew with Australia*

ENGLAND yesterday crossed the mental divide that has marooned them throughout a melancholy year. They did not win this third Cornhill Test but, in coming improbably close, they ceased to be rigid with the fear of further failure and became a team for whom victory is part of the everyday vocabulary.

At teatime yesterday, Australia were 115 for six, only Steve Waugh of the specialist batsmen sustaining them against English bowling which was uniformly impressive and, in the case of Andy Caddick, inspired. It had been an afternoon of rising anticipation and if a wicketless final session was anti-climactic, the relief in a draw was all Australia's.

It was a minor uprising: the real revolution is the belief that a serious coup may follow. Without question, the psychological high ground which Australia have occupied all summer long has begun to crumble like the cliffs of Yorkshire. Two up with three to play remains a formidable advantage but the teams go next to Headingley, where the wonders of 1981 had their genesis. The shift of mood is such that a repeat should not be ruled out.

Merv Hughes, who took no part yesterday, has a sufficiently serious groin injury to be discounted from bowling competitively prior to Headingley. If he fails to recover, an already shallow attack will be down to one potential match-winner and the panic button will be hit. England might even start favourites.

So refreshing an experience has this been for the England side that Graham Gooch's position is no longer an issue. He was ready to resign if the game, and the Ashes, had gone the way that was indicated on Saturday evening. Now, cheered by a raw and hungry team which has responded to him, he must see the series through.

Pressure has been relaxed by the ending of the seven-match losing run but the achievements run deeper than that. An audacious selection has survived the resentment of the provinces and the scorn of reactionaries. A new team has been born, not yet a good one but certainly one with potential and ambition.

The four new caps all contributed significantly, as did the recalled Hussain while Caddick finally showed his county form at Test level. The selectors deserve great credit. They also deserve a quiet, quick meeting prior to the next Test, for this combination must be left to develop in cohesion and conviction.

Graham Thorpe was the first to leave his mark on this final day, and in a way of which most debutants can merely dream. Needing another 12 for a century, the Surrey left-hander reached it with a pulled four off Julian. He took off his helmet, threw both arms skywards and had his hand shaken by Allan Border.

Thorpe and Hussain added 60 in 40 minutes before Gooch, satisfied that the target of 371 in 77 overs was unattainable, called them in. There will be those, with hindsight, who say he should have declared earlier. They cannot know what it has been like to lose seven consecutive Test matches before finding an escape clause.

In the 16 overs possible before lunch, Taylor survived precariously and Slater did not survive at all. Drawn out to drive the off spin of Such, Slater was bowled between bat and pad. Taylor, discomfited by the bristling McCague, lasted only six overs into the second session before being smartly taken at slip as Such, from round the wicket, turned the ball out of the rough.

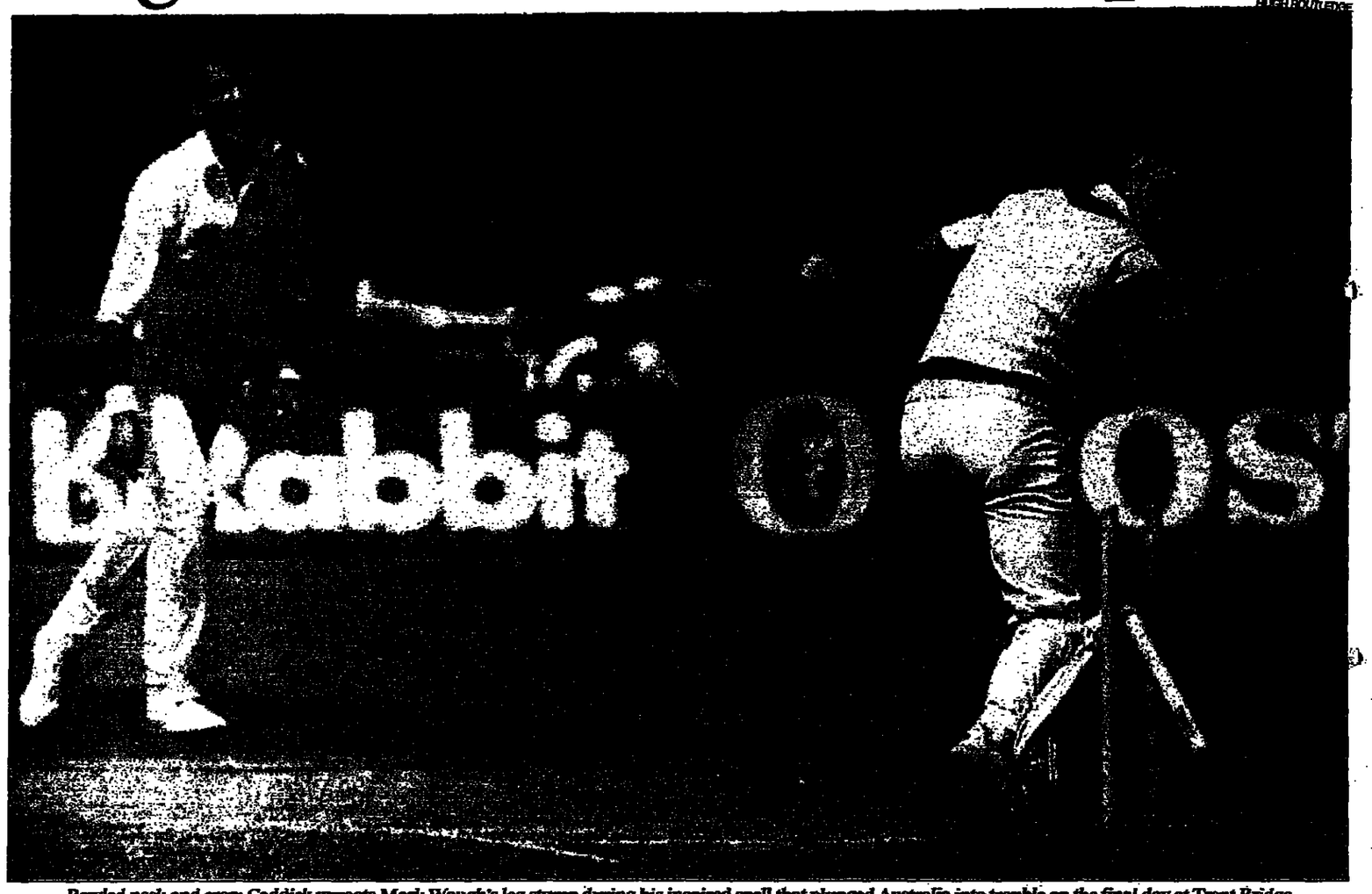
It was now that England began to believe. Gooch summoned Caddick and inside three overs he had taken two for two and the wickets, those of Mark Waugh and Border, were glittering prizes.

The last ball of his first over took Waugh's inside edge, and plucked out leg stump. Then Border, caught in no man's land between defending and withdrawing the bat, deflected a simple catch to Thorpe at first slip. Caddick looked euphoric, as well he might, for his line was suddenly impeccable and the outswing was functioning so sweetly that Steve Waugh, soon after his arrival, played and missed four times.

Boon, the rock on which Australia depend, helped the decline along with a rash, instinctive cut. Caddick's extra bounce defeated him and Stewart took the catch. Caddick now had three for seven. Australia were 93 for five and a notably big last-day crowd was humming with patriotic fervour. When Ilott, whose control improved throughout the game, won the slow but sure approval of umpire Roy Palmer for a leg-before appeal in the last over before tea, the coup seemed about to occur. Healy, the banished batsman, stood his ground mulishly, but to English eyes not half as mulishly as Steve Waugh and Julian stood theirs through the final, fruitless session.

Waugh went more than an hour without scoring, while Julian made a stroke-player's fifty as if the cares suddenly afflicting his team had passed him by. The cares are genuine enough, though, and if the pitch was ultimately good enough to defy England here, the same may not be true when the teams next meet.

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Bowled neck and crop: Caddick uproots Mark Waugh's leg stump during his inspired spell that plunged Australia into trouble on the final day at Trent Bridge

Thorpe's emergence calls for rejoicing

BY JOHN WOODCOCK

THOSE who long to see English cricket come out of the doldrums can rejoice this morning. Not only has the rot of seven successive Test defeats been stopped but England suddenly have, in Graham Thorpe, a 23-year-old batsman in their middle order with a century to his credit in his first Test match, and that against Australia.

Had England won yesterday with Martin McCague, their Australian recruit, taking most of the wickets, I would have been comparatively unmoved. To me, it is a travesty McCague is eligible for England and depressing that they should have felt so destitute as to pick him.

But Thorpe is different. He comes from one of the cradles of English cricket. He was born in Farnham, where, like William Beldham, of Hambledon fame, he learnt to play the game.

One must be careful not to be carried away. It would not be fair on Thorpe for one thing. For another, none of the last three Englishmen to have scored a hundred in his first Test match — Frank Hayes, against West Indies in 1973, John Hampshire, against West Indies in 1969, and Arthur Milton, against New Zealand in 1958 — did anything like it again. Hayes became a hero overnight, because it was at about the time when West Indies were beginning to get the measure of England. He shone like a meteor, and then he was gone.

Thorpe is, in fact, the fourteenth Englishman to reach three figures in his first Test match. For six of them — P. F. Warner, R. E. Foster, the elder Nawab of Pataudi (father of the present Nawab, who acted as referee in the first two Tests of this present series), S. C. Griffith, Hampshire and Hayes — it was their only Test hundred. Thorpe is the sixth to have done it against Australia, and only the third to have done it against Australia in England, the other two being W. G. Grace and K. S. Ranjitsinhji.

So there Thorpe is, bracketed with two of the immortals. If he feels a little vertiginous, it is hardly surprising. Who that has even the slightest sense of history would feel otherwise? W. G. did it in the first Test match played in this country — at the Oval on September 6, 7 and 8, 1880. "In the history of the game," *Wisden* said, "no contest has created such world-wide interest: the attendancies on the first and second days were the largest ever seen at a cricket match, 20,814 passing through the turnstiles on the Monday, 19,863 on the Tuesday and 3,751 on the Wednesday."

This first Test match in England, which England won by five wickets, was arranged at short notice and played late enough in the season for several of the England team to have to be reclaimed from the grouse moors. For the one at Old Trafford in 1896, in which Ranjitsinhji began his Test career by making 62 and 154 not out, the England team was chosen by the Lancashire committee, the custom in those days being for the host county to decide who played.

Ranji being an Indian, his inclusion in 1896 was controversial in the same sort of way that McCague's was last week. Ranji, however, had learnt the game mostly in England, and not for another 36 years did India have a Test team of their own. With unaccustomed hyperbole, *Wisden* wrote of his unbeaten 154 that "a finer or more finished display has never been seen on a great occasion".

Then, too, the closing stages of a splendid match were watched with "breathless interest". It was won by Australia by five wickets. Now, 232 Anglo-Australian Test matches later, a third batsman has achieved for England one of the game's most coveted feats. For the moment, though, I fancy that Thorpe would very much rather all such comparisons ended there.

Young players can be proud, says Gooch

ENGLAND'S expectations changed so much during the third Test match that Graham Gooch was disappointed not to have won it (Michael Henderson writes).

"We are disappointed, having had Australia six wickets down at tea, but it is good that we were more competitive. The Australians know they have been in a match."

Part of the improvement, he felt, could be put down to younger limbs in the dressing-room. "The players we brought in are young, fresh and lively, and want to make their way in Test cricket. They can be proud of their performance and everyone is looking forward to the next Test."

Although Gooch, 39, repeated that he had toured for the last time, he will remain available for England next summer "if Keith Fletcher and whoever is captain want me".

"I have played as well in the last three years as I have ever done," he said.

Allan Border said: "We were quite relieved to escape with a draw." He warned that Australia would be less complacent at Headingley, where Merv Hughes was "almost certain" to play.

CRICKET

England won toss

ENGLAND

First Innings 321 (R A Smith 86, N Hussain 71; M G Hughes 5 for 92).

Second Innings

	6s	4s	Min	Balls
M N Lathwell lbw b Warne — 33		3	122	90
offered no stroke				
M A Atherton c Healy b Hughes — 9		1	26	26
attempted hook edged low to keeper				
R A Smith c Healy b Warne — 50		9	79	71
outside edge, pushing forward				
†A J Stewart lbw b Hughes — 6		1	30	30
edging forward				
*G A Gooch c Taylor b Warne — 120	1	18	325	265
edged big leg break to slip				
A R Caddick c Boon b Julian — 12		2	84	76
turned ball off hip to short-leg				
G P Thorpe not out — 114		11	337	280
N Hussain not out — 47		7	113	102
Extras (b 11, lb 11, nb 9) — 31				

Total (6 wkts dec, 565 min, 155 overs) 422

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (Lathwell not out 2), 2-100 (Lathwell 29), 3-109 (Stewart 5), 4-117 (Gooch 7), 5-159 (Gooch 35), 6-309 (Thorpe 55).

BOWLING: Hughes 22-8-41-2 (8-3-21-1, 9-4-9-1, 5-1-11-0); Julian 33-10-116-1 (nb 3) (6-2-11-0, 5-1-29-1, 14-7-26-0, 3-0-11-0, 5-0-33-0); May 38-9-112-0 (nb 3) (4-0-25-0, 8-1-15-0, 7-1-19-0, 3-0-7-0, 16-4-45-0). Warne 50-21-108-3 (2-0-14-0, 22-13-34-2, 7-3-13-0, 3-0-10-0, 12-4-22-1, 1-1-0-0, 3-0-15-0). S R Waugh 1-0-3-0; Border 5-0-11-0 (1-0-3-0, 4-0-8-0). M E Waugh 6-3-15-0 (nb 4), (4-2-4-0, 2-1-11-0)

AUSTRALIA

First Innings 373 (D C Boon 101, M E Waugh 70; M J McCague 4 for 121).

Second Innings

	6s	4s	Min	Balls
M A Taylor c Atherton b Such — 28		4	93	80
edged to short gully				
M J Slater b Such — 26		5	57	36
moving down pitch for on drive				
D C Boon c Stewart b Caddick — 18		1	93	62
top-edged square cut				
M E Waugh b Caddick — 1			6	8
inside edge on to leg stump				
*A R Border c Thorpe b Caddick — 2			13	10
face of bat low to first slip				
S R Waugh not out — 47		5	198	145
†I A Healy lbw b Ilott — 5			36	16
stretching forward				
B P Julian not out — 68	1	7	125	104
Extras (b 5, lb 5, w 4, nb 5) — 19				

Total (6 wkts, 315 min, 78 overs) — 202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46 (Taylor 19), 2-74 (Boon 13), 3-75 (Boon 13), 4-81 (Boon 13), 5-93 (S Waugh 6), 6-115 (S Waugh 22)

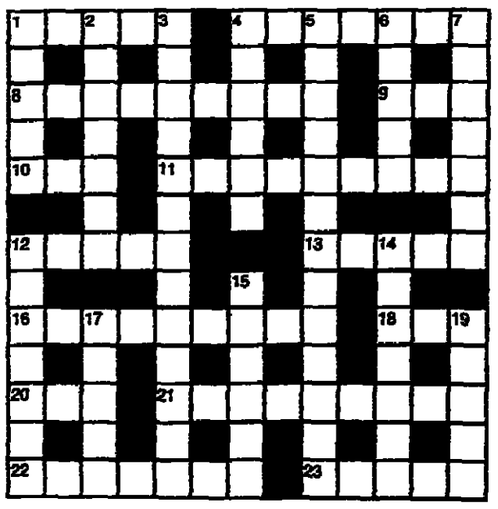
BOWLING: McCague 19-6-58-0 (nb 2, w 1) (11-4-36-0, 4-0-14-0, 4-2-8-0), Ilott 18-5-44-1 (5-1-19-0, 6-1-13-1, 3-2-1-0, 4-1-11-0); Such 23-6-58-2 (16-6-29-2, 7-0-30-0); Caddick 18-6-32-3 (nb 3) (11-5-16-3, 5-1-16-0).

Match drawn

Man of the match: G P Thorpe (adjudicator: D Lloyd).

Umpires: B J Meyer and R Palmer.

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ACROSS

1 Apparent (5)
4 Friendly (7)
8 Toxic (9)
9 Plunder (3)
10 East Germany (1,1,1)
11 Athens citadel (9)
12 Shy (5)
13 Curiously (5)
16 First paint layer (9)
18 Old shilling (3)
20 Hosiery (3)
21 Jotting records (9)
22 Arrange in order (7)
23 Facilitated (5)

DOWN

1 Roman love god (5)
2 Witty remark (7)
3 Completely (4,3,6)
4 On train (6)
5 Indefensible (13)
6 Emerald/aquamarine (5)
7 Important mission (7)
12 Travel industry (7)
14 Doubtful (7)
15 Fatal (6)
17 Roadside restaurant (5)
19 Stationed (5)

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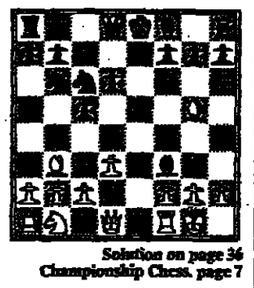
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BRAIN GAMES

By Philip Howard

FRABJOUS
a. A jongleur's song
b. Fair and joyful
c. A strawberry liquor

LIATRIS
a. A hunter goddess
b. The forecourt
c. A spiky herb

TAYBERRY
a. A raspberry/blackberry
b. A tea-bag
c. A Glengarry bonnet

PIG LATIN
a. A coded language
b. An unintelligible grunt
c. The Roman Mass

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FT-SE 100 2648.3 (+0.2)
Dow Jones 3465.98 (+16.05)*
Nikkei Avg 19720.67 (-109.11)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank 5⅝-5¾%
US Federal Funds 3-⅛%*
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'Biggest tariff cut in history'

Gatt chief hails trade triumph

BY COLIN NARBROUGH IN LONDON AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN TOKYO

AGREEMENT by the four biggest trading powers to make sweeping cuts in import tariffs is the start signal for the final push for a world trade pact, according to Peter Sutherland, head of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

Mr Sutherland, the former European competition commissioner, who was installed as Gatt director-general last week, gave a warm welcome to the deal concluded in Tokyo yesterday between America, Canada, Japan and the European Community.

Even the wariest officials at the Gatt's Geneva headquarters, who have seen many promises turn into disappointments in almost seven years of the Uruguay Round negotiations, said the Tokyo deal between the "quad" group was likely to trigger wider talks on market access between the Gatt's 116 members.

Mickey Kantor, the American trade representative, called it the "biggest tariff cut in history". It even impressed David Roche, global economist at Morgan Stanley, one of the most sceptical Gatt-watchers. He saw it as anti-protectionist in a world increasingly prone to protectionism.

Mr Sutherland, who has pledged to "shake the trees" to secure a world trade pact by the end of this year, said the quad deal was "the signal that is needed to relaunch the multilateral process".

The next step, he said, was for the chief negotiators to return from Tokyo to Geneva next week to inform their trading partners of the details of the accord "with a view to building a multilateral package acceptable to all and to concluding the round by the end of the year".

Alistair Goodlad, the foreign office minister, told the German chamber of commerce in London last night that world economic recovery "crucially depends" on a successful Gatt deal.

The market access deal involves trading powers that account for more than 62 per cent of world trade in manufactured goods. It is likely to herald a virtuous circle of lower tariffs in several key industrial sectors, amid predictions that an overall Gatt deal, once concluded, will boost medium-term industrial output and employment.

The late breakthrough in the talks came after the US delegation, headed by Mr Kantor, gave way on the sensitive issue of US textile tariffs, which in some cases amount to 30 per cent, and after the Japanese agreed to eliminate tariffs on whisky and brandy.

However, the package is also notable for several holes and exemptions. It will become a market access agreement if all Gatt members agree.

The "quad" negotiators agreed on a four-part package, covering 18 manufacturing sectors. In several sectors, the negotiators agreed to eliminate tariffs. These include pharmaceuticals, in which Europe, and Britain, are net exporters. The others are construction equipment, medical equipment, furniture, farm equipment, beer and spirits. Europe is a net exporter in almost all these industries. The zero-tariff will also apply to steel, though it will be subject to a multilateral steel agreement. Mr Kantor said the market access deal did not affect America's recent decision to impose punitive duties on EC steel makers.

In a separate agreement, quad negotiators agreed to harmonise tariffs on a range of chemical products at low, and in some cases zero, rates. In a third category, comprising four sectors — ceramics, glass, textiles and clothing — so-called peak tariffs of 15 per cent and higher are to be cut by up to half, with some exceptions and probably some modifications once the agreement is presented to a wider Gatt forum. The Americans accepted a cut in textile tariffs for only about half the items under discussion, though Europe insisted on a preliminary accord that would put pressure on America to yield on other items later.

For the final five sectors — scientific equipment, wood, paper, non-ferrous metals and electronics — the quad group agreed to cuts of up a third.

After the market access talks, negotiators still have to tackle a series of outstanding disputes in the service sector, including financial services. Negotiators yesterday claimed to have made "some progress".

The possibility of a world trade agreement has given rise to ambitious economic forecasts. The Americans claimed yesterday that the conclusion of the Uruguay Round would increase net employment in the US by 1.4 million within ten years, rising to 2 million three years later.

This pattern suggests that the main economic benefits will occur in the medium-to-long term. Labour productivity, according to the US estimate, would rise by more than 2 per cent, and the real wage gain would be 1.6 per cent over ten years.

In total, a deal would add 3 per cent to America's gross domestic product, according to DRI, the largest economic forecasting agency in the US. For the entire world, that would translate into extra output of $5,400 billion, according to DRI. The gains would be fairly evenly distributed between all the G7 countries.



G7 pledge cheers business

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESS leaders reacted with enthusiasm yesterday as G7 leaders pledged to remove all tariffs in sectors accounting for more than £22 billion of British exports.

But their optimism was cooled by the long history of false dawns in the Gatt negotiations, and the knowledge that difficulties remain to be settled in many areas.

The Confederation of British Industry welcomed "news which industry has been waiting for". A spokesman said: "New worldwide rules for trade and investment are desperately needed to promote economic growth, jobs and business confidence in world markets."

While waiting to learn the details of the accord, many industrialists insist that tariff removals are only part of what they need from the Uruguay Round of Gatt negotiations.

Pharmaceutical companies are looking for wider patent protection. Many businessmen regard the liberalisation of services as being equally important as the promotion of trade in goods, enabling the developed countries to maintain export earnings as the patterns of world trade shift.

Nonetheless, yesterday's accord should spell good news for some of Britain's most successful industries. The G7 leaders proposed the removal of all tariffs from steel, chemicals, spirits, beer, furniture, farm equipment, medical equipment and construction equipment. They also propose the harmonisation of tariffs on chemical products at low rates, in some cases zero.

And for products now facing high tariffs, such as textiles, glass and ceramics, they have agreed the case for substantial reductions.

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Doubts over Major's 250,000 jobs claim

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

ECONOMISTS in London were instantly sceptical about John Major's claim that the outlines of a trade agreement that emerged from Tokyo would create 250,000 jobs in Britain over ten years and were cautious in predicting dramatic and genuine long-run benefits for the economy.

Overriding everything is the caveat that the trade deal needs to be translated into a full Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) pact. This, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, would boost world trade by about $200 billion. Britain's share of that, with 8 per cent of world trade, would amount to around $16 billion. British officials in Tokyo said the benefit might be even more because the British economy is more open than many others. But how these figures can be translated into 250,000 jobs is a mystery. Ian Blance of Nikko Securities said: "God knows where he got that figure from. I don't know of any econometric model he would plug in and get that answer from."

Gerald Holtham of Lehman Brothers in London said it was extremely difficult to predict the effect of a free trade agreement on jobs although it would take a long time for a genuine effect on employment. He applauded Mr Major's long time horizon. But David Mayes of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research was disappointed that Mr Major had been so conservative.

He was impressed with the broad nature of the agreement in Tokyo and said removing barriers on this scale should be a major force for world trade. "If you can raise the underlying growth rate of Britain by 1 per cent a year, you would start seeing firms employing people on a major scale, quite noticeable after ten years." The importance of a trade deal for Britain is that it may give an added boost to exporters, on whom the economy is increasingly relying. Mr Blance of Nikko said: "One of the bright spots in Britain after the devaluation is the export side, and anything which can help offset the depressed state of markets overseas can only be positive."

At the same time, because Britain is already a relatively open economy, he believes that imports should not be boosted much more by a free trade agreement. Even now, the real issue on the import side is the propensity of British consumers to choose imported products, even in the midst of recession.

However, as Peter Warburton of Robert Fleming points out, it will take quite some time — perhaps 18 months — before any observable economic effects of a trade pact would emerge. "The timing is lousy. Even if a full Gatt agreement is reached, it is too late," he said. "If this had happened three or four years ago, we would have been spared some of the recession."

Just as difficult as predicting the nature of the benefits that might come Britain's way is forecasting that the world's economies will really stick to free trade principles in an era of high unemployment. In comments clearly anticipating opposition to the deal, particularly in the high unemployment economies of Europe, Padraig Flynn, the EC's social affairs commissioner, warned the Community to resist the temptation to erect or try to defend trade barriers to fight unemployment.

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Perils of Clinton's employment perspective



IRWIN STELZER

"Where you stand depends on where you sit!" is an old and somewhat cynical Washington saw. From his seat in the Oval Office, President Clinton sees an American economy growing too slowly to produce the number of new jobs he pledged to deliver during his multi-promise election campaign. So he stands for more growth, especially from more exports to Europe and Japan. And for fewer imports of what he sees as job-destroying, made-somewhere-else products.

But from his seat in Paris, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur sees double-digit unemployment in Europe. And climbing. So he stands for curtailing imports of American and any other country's products into Europe. Things look still different from John Major's seat. The budding green shoots of Britain's recovery would be trampled into the ground by the heavy boots of Clinton's "managed trade" or of Balladur's outright protectionism. For Britain badly needs to grow its export businesses, and to continue to attract the inbound investment that creates jobs. So the prime minister stands for free trade and open markets. He may be the biggest winner if the new agreement to cut tariffs on a few industrial products indeed provides the momentum for a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Gatt Round.

Only one thing can unite politicians with such disparate views — a desire to stay in office. And, to all of them, that means reducing unemployment in their countries. Britain's is high (10.4 per cent) but falling; France's is higher (10.9 per cent) and rising; America's is lower (7 per cent) and stuck. Mr Clinton's solution is to convene an international jobs summit sometime this fall to address "the causes and ... answers for this stubbornly high unemployment" that now, in his view, constitutes a "global crisis".

Unfortunately, Mr Clinton is not the best qualified person to teach a course in job creation, if by that we mean jobs that add to per capita national wealth. He has an enormous political stake in denying the accomplishments of President Reagan's low-tax, deregulatory policies of the 1980s. This despite the fact that the 92-month expansion was three times longer than the average post-1919 economic recovery, resulted in close to 20 million new jobs and added to real GNP the equivalent of the entire 1982 West German economy. The mean income of the poorest 20 per cent of households rose 5 per cent in real terms during the 1980s, and half the people who started the decade in the lowest group had moved up to a higher group by 1990.

This failure to understand what drove growth in the 1980s, and the beneficial consequences of that growth for all income groups, is leading the president down a path unlikely to create many jobs in the 1990s. He thinks Reagan's tax cuts produced intolerable inequities and should be reversed. So he is pressing for and will get higher taxes on "the rich", many of whom are the small businessmen who created the new jobs in the Reagan years. He thinks businesses shirked their social responsibilities by not providing generous, German-style child care, health care, vacation and other benefits to all workers. So he will "reform" these programmes.

Finally, Clinton's flirtation with industrial policy and managed trade will reduce the rate of new job formation. Both involve government participation in investment decisions and in allocating markets. Both inevitably tend to be dominated by large, established corporations and their trade unions, eager to maintain the technological status quo and to prevent the emergence of small competitors.

But to recite this sad tale is to set out the opportunities presented for John Major. The prime minister presumably told his G7 colleagues in Tokyo this week that they can learn more about creating jobs from reading the economic policy chapters in Margaret Thatcher's forthcoming memoirs than from reading the social chapter in Jacques Delors's plan for Europe. Major might emphasize that advice by speaking up for Lady Thatcher's policies (more tasteful, at a Clinton-convened seminar, than defending the conceptually identical Reaganite programme) at the president's job creation school.

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THE EFFECTS OF A GATT DEAL: SECTOR BY SECTOR

Industries that benefit as barriers fall

Welcome for deal tempered by caution

STEEL

AGREEMENT by the four leading trading powers to cut import tariffs on steel to zero met with scepticism at British Steel (BS), which remains concerned about the protectionist mood in key markets. Despite its backing for the four-corner deal with Canada, Japan and the EC, America has unilaterally imposed anti-dumping penalties on BS and other European steel exporters. A final ruling by America's International Trade Commission in the transatlantic steel trade war is pending.

BS said the Tokyo accord, which foresees removal of the import duty of about 4 per cent on non-EC steel entering Britain, would make no real difference to the trade. Industry estimates show exports exceeding imports by 2.8 million tonnes last year on total exports of 8.3 million.

The market access accord "does not take us any further, as it is subject to a multi-lateral steel agreement (MSA)", BS said. Talks on an MSA are scheduled this month, but no agreement is expected before free access to markets is assured. BS has called for an MSA as a way to underpin the removal of subsidies to steel. The use of anti-dumping measures against subsidies was merely "delaying action". BS fears US steelmakers will continue to force penalty duties on imports, claiming adherence to Gatt rules, unless an MSA is agreed.

TEXTILES

THE textile industry responded warmly, if warily, to the prospect of hefty reductions in tariffs for textiles and clothing, predicting that such trade liberalisation could give a big boost to British exports. Britain's textile trade, which is partly protected against cheap imports by the Multi-Fibre Agreement (MFA), last year exported £4.8 billion worth of goods. But fast-rising imports from the Far East pushed the inflow of textiles to £8.6 billion.

Colin Purvis, secretary general of the the Apparel, Knitting and Textiles Alliance, said that, if the tariff cuts were undertaken, it would give a "substantial increase" to exports. But he said the agreement was still not clear. He said there even appeared to be exceptions to the agreed 30 per cent general cut in tariffs.

But he said the general reduction in American tariff peaks, which reach as high as 40 per cent, would be a great opportunity for British exporters. The sharp reduction of tariffs of 200 per cent in Pakistan would also open up new markets.

The tariff cuts are conditional on other countries matching the cuts agreed by America, Canada, Japan and the EC. Mr Purvis said that plans to phase out the quantitative restrictions imposed by the MFA would only go ahead if cuts in tariffs and non-tariff barriers are realised and Gatt rules are improved.



Steeled for the challenge: British Steel was sceptical about the deal, while other companies welcomed the prospect of more open markets

CHEMICALS

BRITAIN'S chemical and pharmaceutical industry is a class act, with a talent for innovation, which has let few barriers, tariff or otherwise, stand in its way worldwide. Companies such as ICI, Glaxo and SmithKline Beecham have expanded around the globe in an effort to reap scale economies.

Pharmaceutical exports from Britain last year were £2.99 billion, almost double the value of imports. Chemical exports, at £12 billion, compared with imports of £9.95 billion.

A spokesman for the Chemical Industry Association last night welcomed the agreement on trade in chemicals and pharmaceuticals adding: "We look forward to the other sectors reaching that sort of target in the interest of world prosperity."

Freeing world trade will, however, pose new problems for the industry, as well as solving old ones.

For pharmaceuticals, tariffs are a small part of the final selling price. More critical is the issue of patent protection, seen as crucial to ensure companies can reap the fruits of their research spending. British chemicals companies are likely to face tougher competition in bulk chemicals and intermediates, especially from the struggling economies in the former communist block, but a free market should benefit their sales of high-technology and speciality products.

MACHINERY

MANUFACTURERS of construction plant, agricultural machinery and medical equipment will all see changes in their market place if yesterday's accords are implemented. Tariffs will be lifted completely. In theory this is good news for Britain. The UK has leading manufacturers in all three sectors, and already has a substantial export surplus. Trade liberalisation could spur a recovery in sales of agricultural and construction equipment, which have suffered a recession. During 1992, British exports of farm tractors alone were £558 million. Fewer than half went to the EC. Exports of other agricultural equipment amounted to £206 million, almost half going outside the EC. Exports of construction machinery were £978 million, of which £544 million went outside the EC. Imports were £488 million. Medical equipment exports were £305 million, of which two-thirds went outside the EC. Imports, at £216 million, were largely of EC origin.

BEER

THE dropping of tariffs on beer is taken by industry observers in Britain to be a sop offered to America by Japan.

While brands such as Sapporo and Kirin are popular at fashionable drinking holes in the US, American brewers yearn to repeat the success for the likes of Budweiser in downtown Tokyo.

The move will certainly have little effect on the British brewing industry, and few celebratory pints were being pulled last night. Beer, like other bulk products, such as cement and bricks, is far too heavy to ship across borders in any significant quantities.

The more usual pattern is for the exporter to set up their own brewing capacity in the target country. Once tastes have been whetted by limited imports, the beer would normally be made under license by an indigenous brewer.

This is a pattern that has been repeated many times in Britain over the past 15 years as foreign lagers have taken up a disproportionate space at the saloon bar at the expense of British ales.

A Brewers Society spokesman said the renegotiation of GATT could even disadvantage European brewers. Those in the Community would have to pay prices governed by the Common Agricultural Policy for materials such as barley which can be bought more cheaply on world markets.

SPIRITS

SCOTCH whisky is an emblem of Britain worldwide, and the industry that produces and sells it is one of the country's great success stories.

Britain has a massive trade surplus in spirits, with combined exports of whisky and gin amounting to £2.22 billion last year, almost ten times the value of imported spirits.

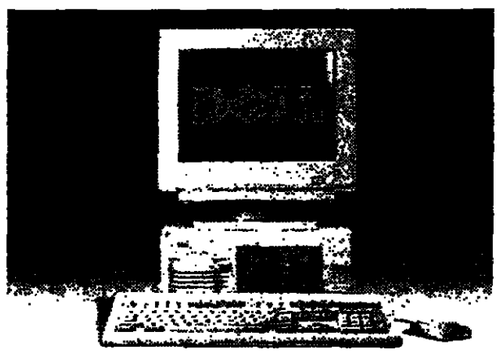
Whisky exports last year amounted to £1.98 billion, with £798 million going to other EC states. Elsewhere, the US was the biggest market, consuming £235 million of whisky, followed by Japan, Thailand (£58 million) and Venezuela (£55 million).

Yesterday's agreement appears to clear the way for a further rise in exports, particularly to Japan, where it is expected to cut the price of a standard blended whisky by about £1 a bottle.

Guinness, whose United Distillers arm is Britain's biggest scotch exporter, said "We would like clarification about what is going to happen, and the timing, but we think it is going to be good news for the scotch whisky industry, especially in Japan." However, there were unlikely to be any new jobs in Scotland as a result. Any new jobs resulting from the agreement were likely to be in sales and marketing in Japan.

At Allied-Lyons, one of the world's biggest drinks and food conglomerates, a more open market for spirits brands was "good news all round." However, the company warns that the abandonment of tariffs does not remove the only barrier to exporters in Japan. There remain a raft of sales taxes that tend to discriminate in the favour of home-made products.

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Profits slip at Tops

Rental income at Tops Estates was almost static at £10.6 million in the year to March 31 but the company will benefit from an expected rise in the annual rent roll of £1.2 million from rent reviews, completed developments and property purchases.

Pre-tax profits are down from £2.6 million to £1.6 million. The dividend for the year is up 5 per cent to 2.1p and shareholders can opt for a scrip dividend alternative.

Hadleigh pays

Hadleigh Industries reduced its full-year pre-tax losses to £187,000 (£1.4 million), and at the operating level returned to profit. The dividend is resumed in the year to 3 April, with a 0.5p final (nil).

Hollas soars

Hollas, the Manchester textiles group, saw taxable profits soar 190 per cent to £647,000 (£223,000) in the year to end-March. A maintained final dividend of 0.6p makes an unchanged 1.2p.

Pifco purchase

Pifco Holdings, maker of Russell Hobbs kitchen appliances, announced the £2.75 million acquisition of the freehold interests in the kettle and holloware manufacturing facility it occupies in Wombourne, Wolverhampton.

Die cast rights

Morris Ashby, the Essex specialist die casting and machining group, is raising a net £4.53 million through an underwritten open offer and placing of 3.5 million new shares. It unveiled a 25.1 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £1.5 million in the year to end-March. Organic growth helped turnover advance 24.2 per cent to £19 million. The total dividend is raised to 5.4p (4.7p) for the year, with a proposed final payout of 3.7p.

Bank advances

Leopold Joseph, the merchant bank, increased its profits after tax by 43 per cent to £1.58 million in the year to end-March. The dividend for the year is 16.6p, up 4.7 per cent.

Italy's refusal to close plants puts EC steel revival at risk

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

STUBBORN Italian resistance to steel plant closures could scupper the European Community's efforts to revive the troubled steel industry by persuading companies to cut capacity, Karel Van Miert, the EC's competition commissioner, said yesterday.

"I fear we might be heading for chaos," he said as the commission began an enquiry into plans for subsidies ILVA, the Italian steelmaker.

Because of Rome's obduracy over the aid it pumps into the state steel business — possibly the largest handouts the world has seen — the commission has said its restructuring plan for the EC steel industry may have to be abandoned.

This would be a devastating blow for the EC's few efficient steel producers — among them British Steel — and would leave the Community vulnerable to further US trade sanctions against subsidised EC steel. Worse still, Italy's example may encourage other nations to cold-shoulder the commission, leaving anarchy in the European steel sector.

"My fears have not been allayed," said Mr Van Miert yesterday. "If the difficulties continue, then the whole thing could fall apart." It is now 10 months since Martin Bangemann, industry commissioner, announced his plan to cut steel facilities in Spain, Italy and Germany and pump in £700 million to reinvigorate the EC industry, returning it to a competitive world footing.

Yesterday, Mr Van Miert said Spain and Germany were "both playing the game according to the rules," but Italy has "a fundamentally different approach to the commission." So far Ilva's debts amount to £3.5 billion, and it is losing £65 million a month.

Time and again the commission has appeared powerless to do anything against Italian profligacy. Yesterday, Mr Van Miert finally announced that Brussels has taken an injunction against Rome's plans to write off the bulk of the company's debt, but admitted it had not taken a similar step against operating aid because of "political pressures." If operating aid were to be stopped, Ilva would be closed.

The Commission had planned to hold a special steel council this month at which the final details of the restructuring plan would be ironed out, ready for implementation in the autumn. Now Italian foot-dragging has put the council itself off until September, so no restructuring plan will come into action this year.

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RESULTS IN BRIEF	1992 £'000
TURNOVER	29,603
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	2,536
EARNINGS PER SHARE (fully diluted)	11.4p
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Dealers drive gold within a glint of $400 an ounce

By Colin Campbell
Mining Correspondent

GOLD stared the magic round number of $400 in the face yesterday, in another bout of hectic trading in precious metals markets that left dealers breathless. At one point, the metal changed hands in London at $399.25 an ounce, a level that has not been seen since early 1991.

But $400 proved elusive, and in afternoon profit-taking the metal shed ground to close at $396 an ounce, a $4.25 rise on the day.

In London, gold shares at first moved higher, but fell victim to profit-taking. In Johannesburg, they opened stronger, but by nightfall the JSE All Gold Index was a mere 0.1 per cent up. "The gold share market is looking very soft — it has gone too high, too fast," a Johannesburg broker said. "Short of a dramatic move beyond $400, shares will continue to show weakness."

In London, silver advanced by five cents to $5.09 an ounce, and platinum was $2 higher at $406.25.

Dealers report that the fundamentals, and sentiment, remain strong for precious metals in general, and for gold in particular. They believe that, though gold did not break through the $400 barrier yesterday, it might do so soon.

Trading in precious metals markets had already been described as "crazy" on Tuesday, as American funds made up for dreary trading conditions on Monday, when markets were influenced by the Independence Day holiday.

Overnight pent-up demand in the Far East, complemented by strong Continental buying in the morning and further encouraged by a higher London morning gold fix at $397.25, set yesterday's tone.

The fixation with last week's statement by Sir James Goldsmith, who said he intended to invest the proceeds of his most recent sale of Newmont shares in metal, continues to buoy sentiment for gold.

Analysts also cite the steady improvement in the Commodity Research Bureau's index, which many perceive as an indicator of forthcoming inflation, as a reason for investors' interest. The index has risen from 212.6 last Friday to 217.3. The index measures a host of items, including soya beans.

Euan Worthington, precious metals analyst at SG Warburg, notes that while the mood for gold and gold shares is still positive, the real money is being made in the bean market.

Gold has advanced by 21.2 per cent from its seven-year low of $326.50 an ounce in February.

Meanwhile, in the past three weeks, the price of soya beans has also risen by 21.2 per cent, from $5.80 a bushel (a dry measure of eight gallons) to $7.03. Soya bean meal prices have risen from $185 a short ton to $220.7 a ton, while soya bean oil has risen in recent days from $20.5 to $25.05 a pound.

In India, Montekh Singh Ahluwalia, the financial secretary, has said his government will, by popular request, consider reopening a no-questions-asked gold bond scheme that was launched on March 15 and closed in the middle of June. The government had expected a subscription of only 7.5 tonnes, but in the event the scheme attracted 35.5 tonnes.

In Australia, the country's largest unlisted gold producer, Australian Resources and Mining, said it was considering refloating on the Australian stock exchange.

Beans or gold, $400 is still in prospect one day soon.

Taiwan says BAe deal is feasible

By Our City Staff

THE Taiwan government has concluded that the island's planned £250 million joint venture with British Aerospace is feasible, raising hopes at BAe that it will go ahead. Agreement in principle has been signed but some details still need to be agreed, notably on finance for the leasing part of the business.

Jack Tang, deputy director of Taiwan's aviation development committee said a study by his government found that the venture's capital investment was of a manageable size, its technology was sufficient and the passenger jets it produced would enjoy good demand, particularly in Asia.

The study was called for because Taiwan has no indigenous aerospace business and has minimal understanding of aircraft lease financing, necessary to sell smaller jets such as the BAe 146. Mr Tang said the study would now be presented for parliamentary committee approval, and he expected a final decision to proceed with the venture by the end of July.

BAe and Taiwan Aerospace, 29 per cent state-owned, signed a contract in January to form a 50-50 venture to build the RJ family of regional passenger jets in Britain and Taiwan. But detailed talks soon ran into difficulties over the financing of an aircraft lease sales facility that would sell the planes. A Taiwanese banking consortium, led by the state-run Chiao Tung Bank, is considering whether to provide loans to finance the lease sales facility.

Liang Kuo-shu, Chiao Tung's chairman, said his bank was willing in principle to provide loans, but it was awaiting a decision by the Taiwan government on whether to proceed.

It has also been reported that Earle Ho, Taiwan Aerospace's chairman, planned to resign from the company because of poor health. A company official confirmed that Mr Ho had expressed a desire to resign. "His departure from the company is not certain," he said. The resignation was not expected to affect the decision on whether to proceed with the BAe venture. "It would not be a negative factor," one source said.

Dixons earnings hit by growing American losses

By Susan Gilchrist

As Dixons grapples with its loss-making American interests, testing a new retail format, analysts estimate its eventual closure could cost more than £100 million

DIXONS, Britain's biggest electrical retailer, suffered a sharp fall in profits as hefty provisions on Silo, its struggling US chain, took their toll.

Exceptional items of £43.2 million, mainly relating to the restructuring of the US business, dragged the pre-tax figure down by 33 per cent, to £33.5 million, for the year to May 1— substantially lower than analysts had expected. Dixons shares fell 15p, to 195p.

Silo's operating losses rose to £22.4 million, against £16.9 million last time, despite a 5 per cent increase in sales. That has prompted an overhaul of the chain to address chronic problems with store locations, product ranges, pricing and service.

Fifty stores were closed during the year, mostly in the Midwest, and a further 11 closures are planned in the current year as new sites are opened in better locations.

A new retail format is being tested in Rochester, New York, under the trading name YES! Your Electronics Store. If successful, this will be rolled out across the country. John Clare, Dixons managing director, said it was too early to assess whether the new venture was working.He acknowledged that the next six months would be critical. Analysts estimate that the cost of closing Silo will be more than £100 million, but Mr Clare refused to be drawn on the subject.

He said: "We are not releasing any numbers in connection with closure," he said. "Over the next six months, the management is focused on reducing the losses in the core business and evaluating the success of the new format."

Dixons' UK operations, which include Dixons, Currys and the newly acquired PC World chain, go from strength to strength. Operating profit rose by 8 per cent to £77.6 million (£71.9 million) as sales forged ahead by £121 million to £1.3 billion, helped by an electricals market that grew significantly for the first time in three years.

Currys was the star performer, with like-for-like sales growth of 15 per cent in out-of-town superstores and 8 per cent in high street outlets. The move to out-of-town sites, which now account for almost 30 per cent of the 500-store chain, has greatly improved cost ratios and will continue, despite the difficulty of disposing of high street leases.

The Dixons chain's increased emphasis on new technology and innovation secured a respectable 6 per cent increase in like-for-like sales, with a particularly strong showing in computers and computer games.

While PC World, the London-based computer retailer acquired in February, made an operating profit of only £0.2 million on sales of £16.5 million, Dixons is excited by prospects for the chain, which it plans to expand nationwide.

Current trading is encouraging across the group with like-for-like sales ahead of last year's in both the US and the UK, though gross margins are under pressure. In the UK, Dixons faces competitors such as Comet and the regional electricity companies, which are sacrificing margins in a bid to gain market share.

A final dividend of 4.6p (4.4p) brings the total for the year to 6.2p (6.0p).

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Oak-frame firm wins rural prize

STEPHEN MARKESON



Ill wind: the hurricane that swept across southern Britain in October 1987 provided an unexpected benefit for Charles Brentnall, above, managing director of Carpenter Oak & Woodland of Colerne, Wiltshire, which specialises in oak-frame buildings. He stepped forward yesterday to collect first prize in the annual small rural business awards sponsored by *Country Living* and Barclays Bank (Jon Ashworth writes). Mr Brentnall and Roderick James, his partner, received their £5,000 award at the Royal Agricultural Show in Warwickshire, and plan to put the proceeds towards developing a low cost oak-frame house design for first-time buyers or self-builders. "The hurricane was a trigger for the company," a spokesman said. "The idea was to put the trees that were blown down to good use."

Vardy upbeat on year ahead



Well-placed: Peter Vardy, of Reg Vardy, is optimistic

By Philip Pangalos

PETER Vardy, chairman of Reg Vardy, the Sunderland-based multi-franchise motor dealer, announced an 10.8 per cent rise in full-year profits and delivered an upbeat statement on prospects.

Mr Vardy said demand for new cars was returning gradually. "Orders for August are coming in very well," he said. "They are probably up 15 to 20 per cent. New car prices, in real terms, have never been lower, car tax has been removed, manufacturers have reduced prices, and interest rates are down ... This should be a good year."

Improved contributions by Vardy's Ford operations helped to lift pre-tax profits 10.8 per cent to £4.38 million in the year to end-April, on turnover up 15.6 per cent to £205.2 million. The company said this had been achieved amid the worst trading conditions of the recession.

Mr Vardy said the group was ideally placed to expand, with almost £3 million cash at the year-end. Five dealerships had been acquired since May, with more opportunities "being explored".

Earnings dip to 7.1p (7.4p) a share, reflecting 1991's placing and open offer. The total dividend is raised to 4.2p (4p), with a final of 2.9p (2.7p). The shares firmed 4p to 150p.

ICI sets business targets

By George Sivell
City Editor

ICI, the chemicals group which recently demerged its life sciences business, yesterday went public on the performance targets it is setting for its businesses, first revealed in *The Times* in April.

Ronnie Hampel, chief executive of ICI, confirmed that each of its businesses had been set a target of a 20 per cent average rate of return over five years. ICI later explained that the targets applied to the 19 different paints, materials, chemical and polymer, explosive and tioxide business in the group.

Success at achieving a 20 per cent return did not guarantee that a business would stay within ICI but failure did not mean it would be disposed of, especially if clear progress towards the 20 per cent target could be achieved. ICI shares rose 3p to 643p on the news.

Mr Hampel said ICI was to focus more sharply on core businesses would "complete the group's restructuring programme", ensure competitiveness in all its international markets and limit the impact of the economic cycle by operating with the lowest practicable cost base.

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Crown Estates maintains a sparkle

By Carl Mortished

IN 1760, King George III handed over the rents and profits from the Crown Estate to Parliament in exchange for the provision of the Civil List: probably the most successful property deal ever struck by a British government.

Last year, the Crown Estate's £1.6 billion property portfolio, which includes freeholds in London's Regent Street and Nash terraces in Regents Park, generated a revenue surplus of £74 million and the Crown Estate Commissioners handed over £76 million to the Exchequer. Under the new Civil List arrangements, the present monarch is to receive in 1993 just under £8 million.

The surplus for the year to March 31 was up 3.6 per cent over the previous year but the performance during the recession would be the envy of many property companies.

In addition to its prime London assets, the Crown Estate also owns lower yielding housing estates in Hackney and Tower Hamlets and bears the cost of managing Windsor Great Park and large estates in Scotland as well as farms, forests and most of the nation's foreshore.

Despite these commitments, revenue surpluses have increased 70 per cent from £43.6 million in 1988-9. The portfolio declined 6.8 per cent in value over the year, reflecting the depressed market.

Chris Howes, chief executive, Estate, put the brakes on development in 1989 when the market was overheating and has since been perfecting Crown Estate management systems, introducing three-year cash flow forecasting for every aspect of the portfolio in order to cope with the legal restraints under which the Crown Estate must operate. It is forbidden to borrow and can only fund acquisitions from cash flow generated by rents or sales from the portfolio.

For the first time, the Crown Estate is testing its own forecasting ability and is predicting a revenue surplus of £77 million for 1993-4. Mr Howes sees no reason to doubt continuing growth in income to the end of the century which he says will come from better use of the assets, improved economic circumstances and the granting of new leases in the West End.

Most of the Crown Estate's Regent Street holdings are on long leases granted in the 1920s, a large portion of which expire around the turn of the century. Low ground rents currently paid by headlease holders can then be replaced by commercial rents negotiated with tenants.

Last year, the Crown Estate invested £33 million, including the purchase of the £13 million Shire Retail Park in Leamington Spa, and commenced the £20 million redevelopment of a Regent Street building. It also acquired 16 farms from Norwich Union for £6.8 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bank of Ireland springs 1-for-6 rights issue

BANK of Ireland has sprung its long-expected cash call on shareholders, taking the opportunity of the bank's annual general court to announce a one-for-six rights issue at 150p a share to raise Ir£100 million. The rights issue comes despite *denials in April that it was planning to raise* fresh equity and will enhance the bank's capital strength, improving tier 1 capital from 6.6 per cent at end-March to 7.3 per cent and total capital from 12.6 per cent to 13.3 per cent.

Howard Kilroy, the bank's governor, said it was more than five years since the bank turned to stockholders for capital. He said it had since strengthened its capital base through the issue of preference shares and long-term subordinated debt. The bank plans to make savings by retiring $75 million adjustable rate preferred stock and $50 million preferred stock held by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In London the shares closed down 9p at 241p.

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Maxwell funds warning

ANDREW Large, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, has said that Maxwell pensioners are unlikely ever to see a full recovery of their plundered funds. Before the social services select committee of MPs, Mr Large said total restitution of the £100 million still missing was a worthy but difficult goal. Mr Large said he hoped the revamped system of pension fund regulation would be able to pick up "another Maxwell," but could give no guarantee.

Rail threat to builders

A TOTAL of 27,000 jobs would be lost in the building industry if London's £1.8 billion Jubilee Line extension is scrapped, according to a survey of big construction companies by Gallup for *Building* magazine. The survey predicts 11,500 immediate job losses.John Vyse, managing director of the civil engineering side at John Laing, said: "The whole proposed regeneration of the East London corridor would be affected, with a huge loss of employment."

Budgens to pay final

SHAREHOLDERS in Budgens, the low-cost food retailer, have been rewarded for their patience with a return to the dividend list, a final payment of 1p making the first for three years as the group is nursed back to financial health by John von Spreckelsen, the chief executive. Pre-tax profits for the year to April 25 rose from £4.64 million to £6.17 million. But with the good news came a warning that trading remains tough.

Bespak 66% ahead

STRONG organic growth and expansion in America helped profits of Bespak, the medical equipment maker, to rise 66.3 per cent. The shares surged 56p to 518p. Pre-tax profits rose to £11.5 million in the year to end-April, from £6.92 million previously, on turnover up 59.1 per cent to £61.8 million and including a full contribution from Tenax Corporation, the US company acquired in March 1992. The final dividend is 6p (5.5p), making 10p (9p), after earnings of 31.9p (24.8p).

Millwall stake talks end

TALKS have collapsed that could have led to a consortium taking a big stake in Millwall Holdings, the quoted football company said yesterday. Millwall gave no reason why the discussions ended, but it is believed they foundered on the price of a substantial, though not controlling, stake. It is also possible there was some disagreement on the diversification which Reg Burr, Millwall's chairman, said was likely to follow other investors coming onto the board.

Buckland nears £½m

THE annual remuneration of Ross Buckland, chief executive of Unigate, rose from £489,000 to £499,000 in the year to March 31. The dairy group's pre-tax profits increased from £65.7 million to £101.4 million. The company's accounts also disclose that Mr Buckland was granted options over a further 227,379 shares during the year, giving him a total of 685,979 options, in addition to the 10,000 shares he owns outright. Unigate shares yesterday held steady at 352p.

AAF issues warning

SHARES in AAF Industries dived 66p to 125p after the South African-controlled modular building to alloy wheels group issued a profit warning three months after launching a £7.65 million rights issue. The company gave warning that difficulties on both sides of the Atlantic had pushed profits in the first six months of the year "significantly " below last time's. AAF promised shareholders further information when the interim results are published early in September.

STOCK MARKET

Shares fight back after drop across the ocean

THE equity market displayed plenty of resilience in the face of a 34-point fall overnight on Wall Street with share prices recovering earlier losses to end all square on the day.

Market-makers tried to get *some stock back on their* books with an initial mark-down that left the FT-SE 100 index nursing a fall of almost 19 points at about mid-morning. However, a futures-inspired rally enabled the index to wipe out the entire deficit, to end the day with a rise of 0.2 at 2,848.3.

It was, though, a scrappy session with activity thin and only 586 million shares traded.

The bears seem to have got their claws firmly into **MFI Furniture**, with the price dropping 6½p to 125p ahead of figures next week. Most brokers are already talking about a sharp drop in pre-tax profits last year from £61.7 million to about £42 million. The outlook is also expected to be gloomy, with pressure on margins. BZW is telling clients to sell.

Forte recovered from an early fall to finish all square at 226p. NatWest Securities has cut its pre-tax profits forecast from £103 million to £99 million for the current year. It has also reduced its estimate for 1994 by £5 million to £136 million.

Ladbroke eased 2p to 182p, after touching 178p, as the stockbroker UBS turned bearish, and **Bass** fell 10p to 455p after cautious comments by Lehman Brothers.



Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, touched 193p before ending the session 13p lower at 197p after seeing pre-tax profits drop last year from £50.1 million to £33.5 million.

Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, said that gross margins were under pressure because of difficult market conditions and a change in pricing strategy. He gave little indication of how he intends to staunch losses at Silo, the company's US arm. Silo's operating loss rose from £16.9 million to £22.4 million, and a provision of £36.2 million was made on the first stage of restructuring, which included the closure of 45 stores in the Midwest.

ICI eased 2p to 638p after a presentation to City analysts. Ronnie Hampel, chief executive, told them that the group sought an annual return of 20 per cent on assets employed during the next five years after the demerger of Zeneca. The group intended to focus on core operations to achieve growth potential and would complete restructuring.

Courtaulds was steady at 542p after announcing plans to sell its flexible packaging interests to Sidlaw for £79 million. Sidlaw will partly finance the purchase with a *four-for-seven rights issue at* 275p, aimed at raising £53 million. **Sidlaw** fell 16p to 329p.

MEPC, the property developer, climbed 9p to 411p on confirmation that its rights issue had been a success. Of the 64.6 million shares offered at 350p, more than 97 per cent were taken up. The rump has been placed with institutions.

Field Group, the packaging specialist, enjoyed a strong premium in first-time trading after heavy oversubscription for the shares. *Offered at 250p*, the shares opened at 276p before settling at 279p, a premium of 29p.

As expected, there was a healthy premium in first-time dealings of **Policy Portfolio**, the market-maker in second-hand with-profit endowment policies. Placed at 130p, the shares opened at 143p and settled at 140p, a premium of 10p.

Trading resumed on the

Molynx Holdings, the security camera *installation* group, jumped 6½p to 30½p as Ringwood Investments, a company that is advised by *David Williams, the financier*, bought 1.15 million shares, or 5.69 per cent. Mr Williams built up Mosiac Investments before taking over Usher Walker and selling it on.

USM in **Moran Holdings**, the tea plantations and property group, after a long absence. The shares were suspended at 173p after the group got into difficulties, but were re-quoted at 34p once a re-financing package with creditors had been agreed.

Millwall, the USM-quoted football club, appeared to score an own goal with a fall of 1p to 3¾p after its proposed rights issue was pulled. It had been hoped to raise £3.2 *million by a rights issue at 2p.*

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: the gilts market opened lower on the day, but later rallied on the back of a firmer futures market. The September series of the long gilt was down 10 ticks at one stage, before touching its opening level. However, it failed to hold its best levels and closed five ticks lower at £107¹⁹/₃₂, with 34,000 contracts completed.

Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was five ticks easier at £109¹/₃₂. **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** softened three ticks to £111¹/₃₂.

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Packing a punch: Digby Morrow, chief executive, aims to double sales at a stroke

Sidlaw plans packaging buy

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SIDLAW, the Dundee industrial group, plans to double sales and increase its capital by a third with the intended acquisition of Courtaulds' flexible packaging operations for £79 million.

To finance the deal, Sidlaw, headed by Digby Morrow, is seeking £53 million in a four-for-seven rights issue at 275p a share. The company was valued at about £115 million before yesterday, but the shares fell by 15p, to 330p, after the proposed acquisition was announced.

Both the rights issue and the acquisition are conditional on shareholders' approval. Sidlaw promises a rise in the total dividend for the year to September 30 from 10p to 10.5p.

The company said its oil services division was benefiting from additional volume and that its packaging division was raising orders in a "very competitive market". Textiles remained flat.

Courtaulds said it was retaining rigid packaging and tubes. In the year to March 31, its flexible packaging business had sales of £108 million, generating operating profit of £6.1 million from net assets of £52.9 million.

Sidlaw's gearing will rise to 62 per cent and interest payments will be covered five times if the acquisition goes ahead. The deal is expected to be earnings-neutral in the first full year.

The main markets for Courtaulds' flexible packaging are crisps, snacks, biscuits and confectionery. The business has outlets in The Netherlands, France and Spain. The acquisition will leave 55 per cent of Sidlaw profits coming from packaging and most of the rest from oil services.

RISES:

Takeda Chem	800p (+17p)
VSEL	830p (+20p)
Wellcome	678p (+20p)
Liberty Life	957p (+13p)

FALLS:

Rothmans 'B'	689p (-15p)
Whitbread 'A'	477p (-13p)
Dixons Group	195p (-15p)
Sidlaw	328p (-17p)
Wolseley	617p (-11p)

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AG Holdings (125)	130	...
Anagen (100)	89	...
Baring Chrysalis C (339)	356	...
Baring Emrg Mkts ($10)	679	...
Business Post (120)	132	...
Carpetright (148)	165	...
Celsis International (100)	107	+6
Crabtree (150)	214	...
Creston Warrants	12	...
Devro International (170)	196	...
Enviromed (110)	116	...
Nthrn Ireland Elect (100)	137	-1

Dow up as fears ease

New York — Blue-chip shares held a solid advance at mid-day. The Dow Jones industrial average was 16.05 up at 3,465.98. Hugh Johnson, of First Albany Corp, said that a rise in bonds and a drop in the CRB commodities index had eased Tuesday's fears of a rise in inflation. *Bargain-hunting* had also bolstered the market.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended lower because of arbitrage unwinding, but trading was was the heaviest since June 25, prompted by buying by Nikko Securities to celebrate its 75th anniversary, brokers said. The Nikkei closed down 109.11, or 0.55 per cent, at 19,720.67.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax closed up 18.89, at 1,719.76, passing its year high, of 1,718.21. A feeling spread that the German market was due to recover after underperforming other stock markets recently. *(Reuter)*

	Jul 7 midday	Jul 6 close
AMP Inc	40¾	40¾
AMR Corp	59¾	61¼
Abbott Labs	25¾	26⅛
Aetna Life	34¾	34¾
Ahmanson (H)	17⅜	17⅜
Air Prod & Chem	39	39
Albertson's	31¼	31¼
Alcan Aluminium	19¾	19⅝
Alco Standard	48⅜	48¾
Allied Signal	65⅞	64¾
Allum Co of Am	70⅝	70⅝
Amax	23⅝	23⅝
Amerada Hess	48⅝	48⅜
Amer Brands	35⅝	35⅝
Amer Cyanamid	52⅝	52⅝
Amer El Power	37¾	37¾
Amer Express	31¼	31
Amer Gen. Corp	31½	31
Amer Home Pr	63¾	63⅝
Amer Intl	131	128⅜
Amer Stores	44⅝	44⅝
Amer T & T	61¾	61¼
Amerltech	79¼	79
Amoco	55¼	54¾
Anheuser-Busch	47⅞	47¾
Apple Computer	36¾	37⅛
Archer Daniels	23	22⅝
Ashla	9⅛	9⅛
Atlanco	7¾	7¾
Armstrong Wrld	31¼	31¼
Asarco	18¾	18⅜
Ashland Oil	25¾	25⅝
Atl Richfield	113⅞	113⅞
Auto Data Pro	47¾	47¾
Avery Dennison	28⅜	28⅝
Avon Products	57	56⅝
Bailey (BSD)	25¾	25¾
Baktin Gas & El	29⅜	29⅜
Banc One	55	55¾
BankAmerica	45¾	45¾
Bank of NY	44¾	44¾
Bankers Tr NY	74¾	74
Barnett Banks	48	47¾
Barnch & Lomb	48¾	48¾
Baxter Intl	27¾	27¾
Becin Dickson	38¾	38¾
Bell Atlantic	57¾	57¾
BellSouth	54¾	54⅝
Black & Decker	22¾	21¾
Block (HAR)	28	28
Boeing	36¾	36¾
Boise Cascade	22¾	22⅜
Borden Inc	18¾	18⅜
Bristol Myrs Sq	58¾	58¾
Browning Ferris	26¾	26
Burlington Nthn	53	53¾
CBS	233¾	229
CNA Financial	90¾	91
CPC Intl	40¾	40
CSX	69¾	69¾
Campbell Soup	38¾	38¾
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾
Cpnl Cities ABC	522	515¾
Cpnl Holdings	39¾	39¾
Carolina Pwr	33¾	33¾
Caterpillar	74¾	73¾
Central & SW	33	33¾
Champion Intl	33¾	33¾
Chase Manhat	32¾	33⅜
Chemical Bk	40¾	40¾
Chevron Corp	84	84¾
Chrysler	42¾	43¾
Chubb Corp	89¾	88
Cigna Corp	59¾	59¾
Cilicorp	31	30¾
Cinctr	51	51¾
Coastal Corp	26¾	26¾
Coca Cola	42¾	43⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	55¾	55¾
Columbia Gas	24¾	24¾
Comairco Ltd	23¾	23¾
Compaq Comp	45¾	45
Comp Ass Int	29¾	28¾
Conagra	34	34¾
Cons Edison	36	35¾
Cons Nat Gas	51¼	51¼
Cons Rail	53¾	53¾
Cooper Inds	50¾	50¾
Corning Inc	32¾	32¾
Crown Cork	36¾	37
Dana Corp	51¾	52¾
Dayton Hudson	65¾	64¾
Deere	66¾	65¾
Delta Air Lines	46¾	47¾
Delmar Corp	38¾	38
Detroit Edison	24¾	24¾
Digital Equip	39	39¾
Dillard Dept St	35¾	35¾
Disney (Walt)	39¾	40
Dominion Res	44¾	44¾
Donelley (RR)	28¾	27¾
Dover Corp	46¾	46
Dow Chemicals	56	55¾
Dow Jones	28¾	28¾
Dresser	23¾	22¾
Duke Power	40¾	40¾
Duty & Bradstreet	58¾	57¾
Du Pont	46¾	46¾
Eastman Kodak	52¾	50¾
Eaton Corp	45¾	45¾
Emerson Elec	57¾	58
Engelhard Corp	37¾	37¾
Enron Corp	65¾	65
Entergy Corp	36¾	36¾
Ethyl Corp	18¾	19¾
Exxon	64¾	63¾
FMC Corp	65¾	64¾
FPL Group	32	32¾
Federal Express	49¾	49¾
Fed Nat Mtge	82¾	81¾
First Chicago	42	41¾
First Interstate	62¾	62¾
First Union Bky	10¾	10¾
First Fed Cp	33¾	33¾
Fluor Corp	42¾	42
Ford Motor	49¾	48¾
GTE Corp	35¾	35¾
Gannett	59¾	59¾
Gap Inc Del	28	28¾
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¾
Gen Dynamics	59¾	59¾
Gen Electric	94¾	94¾
Gen Mills	66	66¾
Gen Motors	44¾	44¾
Gen Reinsurance	116¾	115¾
Gen Signal	65¾	65¾
Genuine Parts	35¾	35¾
Georgia Pac	59¾	59¾
Gillette	56¾	56¾
Glaxo ADR	16¾	16¾
Goodrich (BF)	42¾	42¾
Goodyear Tire	41¾	40¾
Grace (WR)	40¾	40¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	30¾	31¼
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	16¾
Halliburton	36¾	36¾
Helinz (HJ)	36	36
Hercules	79¾	79
Hershey Foods	46¾	45¾
Hewlett Packard	75¾	75¾
Hilton Hotels	44¾	43¾
Home Depot	42¾	42
Homestake Mng	20¾	20¾
Honeywell	36¾	37
Household Intl	30¾	30¾
Houston Indt	43¾	43¾
Humana	11¾	11¾
ITT Corp	84¾	84¾
Illinois Tool	37	36¾
INCO	22¾	23
Ingersoll, Rand	33	33¾
Inland Steel	22¾	23¾
Intel Corp	52¾	53¾
IBM	46¾	46¾
Intl Flav & Fr	112¾	113
Intl Paper	63¾	64
James River Va	20	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39¾	39¾
K Mart	20¾	20
Kellogg	52¾	52
Kerr-McGee	50	49
Kimberly Clark	48¾	48¾
Knight-Ridder	51¾	50¾
Litty (Eli)	46¾	46¾
Limited Inc	20¾	19¾
Lin Broadcstg	101½	101¼
Lincoln Nat	38	38¾
Litton	64¾	64¾
Lr Claiborne	30¾	28¾
Lockheed Corp	65¾	65¾
Louisiana Pac	31¾	31
MCI Commun	26	26¾
Marriott	26¾	25¾
Marsh & McLan	85¾	86¾
Masco Corp	28¾	28¾
May Dept St	37¾	36¾
Maytag Corp	15	14¾
McDon Calfidar	45¾	45¾
McDonalds	48¾	48¾
McDonnell D	70¾	71¼
McGraw Hill	39¾	39¾
Mead, Corp	43	43¾
Medtronic	65¾	65
Mellon Bk	56¾	56¾
Melville Corp	44¾	44¾
Merck Inc	56¾	56¾
Merrill Lynch	71¾	70¾
Minnesota Mine	105¾	106¾
Mobil Corp	72¾	72¾
Monsanto	58¾	58¾
Morgan (JP)	68¾	68
Motorola Inc	53	53¾
Nat Medical	10¾	10¾
Natl Semi	15¾	16
Natl Service Ind	25¾	25¾
Navistar Int	28¾	27¾
NBD Bancorp	32	32
NY Times A	24¾	24¾
Newmont Mng	35¾	35¾
Nike B	24¾	24
Nimslo Mobwyt	54¾	54
NL Industries	4¾	4¾
Nordstrom	26¾	26¾
Norfolk Sthn	62¾	63¾
Nthn State Pwr	45	45¾
Norwest Corp	27	26¾
Nynex Corp	89¾	89¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	24¾	24¾
Oracle Systems	48¾	49¾
Oryx Energy Co	19¾	19¾
Owens Corning	44¾	41¾
PNC Financial	32	31¾
PPG Industries	66¾	66¾
Pacific Tel	26¾	26¾
Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	26¾	24¾
Pac Gas & Elec	25¾	25¾
Pac Telesis	48¾	48¾
Pall Corp	17¾	16¾
Panhandle East	26¾	26¾
Paramount Comm	36¾	36¾
Parker Hannifin	31¾	33¾
Pennzoil Co	42¾	41¾
Penncroft	66¾	61
Pepsico	36	35¾
Pfizer	68¾	68¾
Phelps Dodge	44¾	45¾
Philadel Elec	31	30¾
Philip Morris	47¾	47¾
Phillips Pet	29	28¾
Pinney Power	39¾	40
Polaroid	36¾	36¾
Price Co	33¾	33
Primerica	51	50¾
Procter & Gmbl	51¾	50¾
Pub Serv E & G	34¾	34¾
Quaker Oats	72¾	74
Ralston Purina	46¾	46¾
Raytheon Corp	38¾	38¾
Raytheon	60¾	60¾
Reebok Int	27¾	27¾
Reynolds Metals	48¾	48¾
Roadway Svcs	58¾	58¾
Rockwell Intl	32	32¾
Rohm & Haas	51¾	51¾
Royal Dutch	91¾	91¾
Rubbermaid	28¾	28¾
Safeco Corp	60¾	59¾
St Paul's Cos	58¾	61¾
Salomon Inc	30¾	30
Santa Fe S Pac	17¾	17¾
Sara Lee Corp	24¾	24¾
Scecorp	22¾	22¾
Schering Plough	66¾	66¾
Schlumberger	62¾	62¾
Scott Paper	32	31¾
Seagram	29¾	29¾
Sears Roebuck	55	54¾
Shell Trans	55¾	56
Sherwin Wllms	31¾	34¾
Skyline Corp	18¾	18¾
Smkp On-Tools	38¾	38¾
Southern Co	25¾	25¾
Sthwestrn Bell	38¾	39¾
Sprint Corp	34¾	34¾
Stanley Works	39¾	38¾
Sun Company	24¾	24
Sunicorp	47¾	46¾
Supervalu	32¾	32
Symbi Corp	18	17¾
Sysco Corp	34¾	33¾
TRW Inc	62¾	62¾
Tandem Comp	10	10
Tandy Corp	29¾	29
Telecom Corp	3¾	3⅞
Teledyne	20¾	20¾
Temple Inland	45	44¾
Tenneco	50¾	50¾
Texaco	62¾	62
Texas Inst	66¾	67¾
Texas Utilities	46¾	46¾
Textron	54¾	54¾
Time Warner	37¾	38¾
Times-Mirror	29¾	29¾
Timken	33	33¾
Tjrckmark	52¾	51¾
Toys R Us	34¾	34¾
Transamerica	53¾	53¾
Travelers Corp	31¾	30
Tricontnl	31¾	32¾
Tyco Labs	40¾	40¾
UAL Corp	136¾	125¾
UST Inc	28¾	28¾
USX Marathon	16¾	16¾
Unilever NV	105	105
Union Camp	42¾	42¾
Union Carbide	18¾	18¾
Union Pacific	58¾	59¾
Unisys Corp	12¾	12¾
USAIR Group	15¾	15¾
USFBG Corp	18¾	18¾
US Life	40¾	40¾
US West	46¾	46¾
United Tech	52¾	51¾
Unocal Corp	28¾	28¾
Upjohn	28¾	28¾
VF Corp	45¾	45
WMX Tech	31¾	31
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	69	68¾
Wells Fargo	109¾	109¾
Westinghouse El	14¾	16¾
Weyerhaeuser	43¾	42¾
Whirlpool	55¾	56¾
Whittman	13¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	56	55
Woolworth	27¾	26¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	52¾	52¾
Xerox	70¾	70¾

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002268 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF BUCKHAM INVESTMENTS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
THIS IS CERTIFY THAT Barry David Lewis of Harris Lipman of 2 Monument Court 310 Regent Street London W1B 5LD has been duly appointed as liquidator of the above-named company with effect from 20th May 1993.
On behalf of the Secretary of State.
Katherine Parker

No. 003897 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF DIRLTON LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
THIS IS CERTIFY THAT Barry David Lewis of Harris Lipman of 2 Monument Court 310 Regent Street London W1B 5LD has been duly appointed as liquidator of the above-named company with effect from 5th May 1993
On behalf of the Secretary of State. LT CRAMP

No. 004582 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
Mr Registrar Buckley
IN THE MATTER OF CUSSINS PROPERTY GROUP PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 30th June 1993, confirming the reduction of the amount of £2,176,396 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 1st July 1993.
NORTON ROSE
Broadfarts House P.O. Box 570
19 New Bridge Street.
London EC4V 6DH
Ref: LXF/63/T17832
Solicitors for the Company

BROADOME LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at The Mansion House Hotel, Thames Street, Poole, Dorset BH15 1JN at 12.00 hours on 2 August 1993 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receiver under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to me/us at the address shown below, no later than 1200 hours on 30 July 1993, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, and
(b) there has been lodged with me/us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 29 June 1993
Joint Administrative Receivers
NOTE: Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the administrative receivers at Haines Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU
Alan David Framingham and John Charles Heath
Joint Administrative Receivers

Re: LONDON & SUFFOLK INVESTMENTS PLC AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Friday the 16th July 1993, at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 14th July 1993.
Dated this 30th day of June 1993.
M Hardy, Director.

INDERMAUR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the above company, and the claim has been duly admitted for the purpose of entitlement to vote, and
b) there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Unsecured creditors may obtain, free of charge, a copy of the Administrative Receiver's report by writing to P R Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn at the above address quoting reference SE/80
P R Sykes.
Joint Administrative Receiver

Re: BROADGATE FORUM LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Friday the 16th July 1993, at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 14th July 1993.
Dated this 30th day of June 1993.
C P PHILLIPS, Director.

Alpha Commercial Developments Limited
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
t/as Alpha Construction Group
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 12th August 1993, to send their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, K.P. Berry, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 585, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 2nd Floor, London, W2 6LP the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 1st July 1993
K P Berry, Liquidator

Caballito Properties Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98(2) of the INSOLVENCY ACT 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF at 2.30 pm on 16 July 1993 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:
They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 hours on 15 July 1993 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf
Dated 2/7/93
L. Mannering
Joint Administrative Receiver

Re: MAINSTREAM EXHIBITIONS LTD. AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Thursday 8th July 1993.
Dated this 24th day of June 1993
S.G. HOOPER, Director.

Re: BEDSER WASTE DISPOSAL LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Thursday, the 15th July 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Tuesday 13th July 1993.
Dated this 30th day of June 1993.
Alan Victor Taylor, Director

SLLCOTT LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 680869
Nature of business: Civil Engineers. Trade classification: 37. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 29 June 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: National Westminster Bank Plc. Patrick Walter John Hartigan & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos 2192 & 6829) of Booth White, NEM House 3/8 Packmanswerth Road, Watford, Hertfordshire WD1 7HC.

NOTICE OF (1) ENTRY OF CONFIRMATION ORDER, (2) PLAN OF REORGANIZATION BECOMING EFFECTIVE, AND (3) PROCEDURE FOR RECEIPT OF DISTRIBUTIONS BY HOLDERS OF BEARER SECURITIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:
On May 27, 1993, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York entered an order confirming The LTV Second Modified Joint Plan of Reorganization dated February 26, 1993, as amended (the "Plan"), filed by The LTV Corporation ("LTV") and sixty-six affiliates. On June 28, 1993, the Plan became effective. Holders of the following bearer securities are entitled to a distribution under the Plan. Surrender of the bearer securities is a required precondition to receipt of the holder's distribution under the Plan. Society National Bank (the "Distribution Agent") has been designated as the agent to ex

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ECONOMIC VIEW

Western leaders take note — Japan's economy is working

Anatole Kaletsky finds Keynes alive and well in a country that simply refuses to accept the inevitability of high levels of unemployment



Dole free: Kiichi Miyazawa, a leader with faith in full employment

After the trade agreement announced in Tokyo yesterday, the G7 summit is bound to be hailed as a triumph, however little it achieves on other issues. This is absurd, not because Gatt is *unimportant*, but because there can be little hope of a real victory over protectionism unless and until the G7 leaders address the other great threat that hangs over the world economy today. That, of course, is unemployment.

As long as unemployment remains intolerably high in Europe and America, all the brave declarations about the new era of free trade will remain just that — mere rhetroic.

President Clinton, for all his faults, seems to understand this connection better than other world leaders. Before he arrived in Tokyo, Mr Clinton called for a meeting of G7 labour ministers in Washington this autumn, to devise a global strategy against unemployment. *Unfortunately*, Mr Clinton's labour summit would be a complete waste of time, for at least two reasons — the proposed location and the personnel. The people who need to talk are not labour mininsters, but finance ministers and heads of government. And the place they need to go for new ideas is not Washington, but Tokyo.

Japan, after all, is the one G7 country not suffering from the scourge of mass unemployment. Its jobless rate, even in the worst recession for 20 years, is 2.4 per cent. So I have a simple suggestion to the G7 leaders if they are serious about reducing unemployment in America and Europe: cancel the rest of your summit and your engagements next week and spend ten days talking to Japanese industrialists, civil servants and labour leaders.

That is exactly what I did last month (as a guest of the Japanese government, who invited a group of journalists from each of the G7 countries). I came away more convinced than ever that the world is now in one of those periodic phases of history — the last one was in the 1920s and 1930s — when all right-thinking and responsible politicians, economists and businessmen in America and Europe are quite simply wrong.

Practically all European and American commentators, regardless of where they stand on the political spectrum, assert that mass unemployment is a permanent "structural" problem, connected with inflexible markets, high social costs, badly trained workers or cut-throat competition from the third world. It is only in the choice of scapegoats, not in the fundamental "structural" analysis, that differences among western leaders emerge.

In Japan, by contrast, everyone — from trade union leaders and politicians to industrialist and finance ministry officials — takes it for granted that full employment can and will be maintained regardless of any shifts in world trade or changes in Japan's industrial and economic structure. Whatever happens to individual industries, to inflation or the balance of payments, *it is an article of faith that* labour will always be a *scarce* factor of production — and that the economy will be run in a way which ensures that wages will rise steadily because, in the long term, workers will always be in short supply.

Take the following comment by a top official in Japan's conservative finance ministry: "In Japan, we certainly do not expect American or European levels of unemployment. We expect our companies to do everything before they lay off their employees. If managers can just lay off workers, restructuring is too easy. A good manager's task is to restructure his business without reducing employment."

When this comment was met with incredulity, especially by some of my *French colleagues, the official added*: "If people in the West find this attitude surprising, it is because they do not understand that Japanese capitalism is fundamentally different from capitalism in America and Europe. We think of labour as the major factor of production, the ultimate source of all wealth. So our companies are run essentially for the welfare of the employees. Employee sovereignty has always been the system in this country and I see no reason why it will change."

Such a remark might seem amazing, coming from a Treasury official. But even more extraordinary is the fact that many industrialists, financial analysts and bankers express the same view. In fact, some of the greatest scepticism about the value of lifetime employment (which has never covered more than 20 to 30 per cent of the Japanese labour force) comes from the trade unions. But they did not criticise lifetime employment because it excluded so many workers. On the contrary, labour leaders seemed to believe that lifetime employment might harm the workers it covered — it would keep down wages, *as labour became increasingly scarce*.

Hearing both trade unionists and employers talking about the long-term challenge of labour *shortages*, suddenly made me realise what had happened on my trip to Japan. I had gone through a time-warp. There was nothing unique or even unusual about Japan's labour market. The Japanese were simply continuing to enjoy the kind of full employment which all capitalist countries took for granted between 1950 and 1973.

The question the G7 leaders should be asking themsleves, therefore, is why Japan has been able to maintain full employment, long after it has been abandoned in the rest of the capitalist world. This is the biggest political and economic question of our time. Yet looking at what the Japanese do, as well as what they say, the answer seems quite clear. Japan has managed to maintain full employment because that has always been the over-riding goal of macroeconomic policy.

Japan's labour costs have long been extremely high and many of its markets have been notoriously rigid. But these have been regarded as micro-economic problems which could be dealt with by normal price mechanisms and responses — including fluctuating exchange rates and big differences between industrial sectors in productivity growth. Meanwhile, the fundamental thrust of monetary and fiscal policy has been to maintain full employment by ensuring continuous growth.

If you doubt that, look at Japan's record. It has only experienced one year of negative economic growth in the last 40 years — and that was after the oil shock of 1974. If you still do not believe that the Japanese government targets economic growth and full employment, consider its present policies. Japan today is engaged in a Keynesian public works programme on a scale unprecedented in world history — about £70 billion annually. American politicians may demand even more aggressive action — and *they are probably right. But the idea* that Japan would sit in European-style monetarist complacency and watch its dole queues lengthen is is absurd.

Japan's official interest rates today are at 2.5 per cent and will probably soon fall further. Meanwhile, public investment grew by 12 per cent in 1992 and is going to jump by a spectacular 14.4 per cent this year, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The fact is that Keynes is alive and well and living in Tokyo. Which is why the Japanese can *now enjoy freer trade without worrying* about unemployment.

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Distant trade

DESPITE all the media and political hype surrounding the Tokyo trade agreement, the markets remained profoundly unimpressed. Any prospect of a successful conclusion to the Uruguay Round should have boosted the *dollar, as the world' main trading currency.* But dealers in Tokyo and Wall Street were yesterday more interested in off-the cuff remarks by an unnamed Japanese official that the pain threshold for Japanese exporters was between Y95 and Y105 than the success of the quadrilateral talks, and the dollar sank by more than a yen. Similarly the promises of increased trade and jobs should have boosted equities. *But a 0.2 point rise in the FT-SE 100* was hardly a resounding response to John Major's enthusiasm.

Investors have witnessed too many false dawns in seven years of Gatt negotiations to become excited about the latest initiative, particularly since it has such large holes, notably the failure to address the continuing impasse on agriculture.

If the quadrilateral agreement gives the talks in Geneva a new impetus and prospects for a trade agreement become more concrete, equities will be the main beneficiary. In the City, the hard-pressed distilleries and pharmaceutical sectors could be the most significant gainers. Conversely the prospect of increased international trade could stir up inflationary fears and hit bond prices. This, though, is distant speculation. Investors have *far more pressing concerns such as the next* gilt auction and the chances for BT3, to trouble themselves over the implication for a new world economic order that may never leave the drawing board.

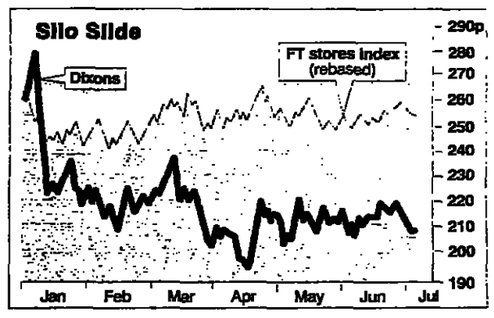
Dixons

SHAREHOLDERS in Dixons must wonder where the group's share price would be today if it had resisted its ill-fated purchase of Silo back in 1987. No matter how well the British operations perform — and they have delivered excellent results in recent years — sentiment towards the group will be adversely affected by the struggling American chain. This is the second year of heavy losses, yet Dixons has only begun to experiment with new retail formats.

Silo faces similar difficulties to Currys in the 1980s with poor store locations, weak product ranges, and inadequate customer service. This time there is no magic solution such as the move to out-of-town stores that has successfully transformed the Currys chain. Even if the right formula is found it will be a long, slow haul back to profitability.

Prospects are not promising. As the number three player in a highly competitive market, Silo has little room for manoeuvre, and is constrained by sluggish demand.

While the management is understandably reluctant to admit it, the closure of the Silo chain is increasingly likely. Analysts estimate this would result in an exceptional charge of around £100 million and would reduce net assets by a third. That may be a pill too biter for the group to swallow, but the share price is likely to languish until a decision is taken.



Bank of Ireland

THE suggestion that poor-performing banks would be too embarrassed to tap their shareholders for more cash has been shattered by the Bank of Ireland and its Ir£100 million rights issue.

During the five years since the bank last asked for additional capital, it has made more than Ir£550 million in bad debt provisions and profits have dipped from Ir£128 million to Ir£54 million before recovering to Ir£124 million in the year to end-March.

The US subsidiary in New Hampshire is still losing money, despite the bank's questionable decision to *expand it by acquisition.*

The Bank of Ireland arguments for needing the cash are hardly compelling either. True, it is saddled with a pair of expensive American preference share issues. But with an ample tier-one capital ratio of 6.6 per cent before the rights, it should have been able to refinance these from existing resources. The best thing to be said about the rights is that it is not large. *But Irish investors, like their British counterparts, should* be wary of allowing their banks to expand balance sheets when they have shown they cannot be trusted to lend safely.

Investment trusts

THE decision by Lazard Brothers to launch an investment trust for the first time in its long history is final proof that trusts are the height of City fashion this year. Trust launches have raised almost £400 million already this year, a turnround for a sector said until recently to be in terminal decline.

The recent investment management survey from Price Waterhouse unearthed *the reason behind the popularity.* Trusts are by far the most profitable investment product, with gross margins of more than 40 per cent.

The recent performance of the investment trust sector has also made them easy to market. In the past year, the sector has risen by 34.1 per cent, compared with a 17.7 per cent lift in the FT all-share index, as discounts have shrunk.

The Lazard High Income Trust is an attractive variation on a theme which chases overlooked convertibles and preference shares in a search for a yield of 8 per cent or more. But any investment trust investor should beware at this point. Discounts have narrowed to historic lows and are likely to widen sharply again if there is a market correction or when a rise in interest rates tempts private investors back to the building societies.

Sharelink

ON the eve of Sharelink's £35 million flotation, it is worth paying a small tribute to David Jones, its founder, who entered a market just as *everyone else was writing it* off. In 1987, pundits argued that the private client stockbroking market was inherently unprofitable. Mr Jones saw through this patent nonsense and last year his telephone dealing service made a 64 per cent return on capital and a £3.1 million pre-tax profit. Sharelink still has less than a tenth of its potential market so there is still room for expansion for this better *mousetrap.*

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One and the same Dr Jones

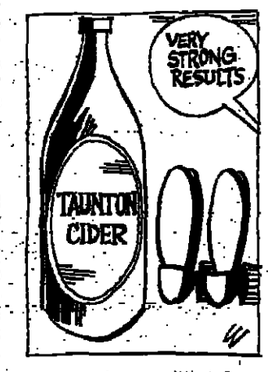
LATER this week Dr Gwyn Jones, who last week resigned as chairman of the Welsh Development Agency, will stand accused by the Commons Public Accounts Committee of running the publicly funded body like a "private fiefdom". There is no great expanse of marble at the government agency's headquarters, but the select committee's investigations have alleged that aside from Concorde flights, the flamboyant Dr Jones had a penchant for taking formal decisions without Welsh Office approval and tended to fire staff with unusually large redundancy packages. He also secretly hired City consultants at a cost £300,000 to the public purse to tell him whether the WDA would be better off privatised. Could this be the same Dr Gwyn Jones who joined the Tesco board as a non-executive director back in January 1992? I'm assured that it is, and Dr Jones sits on the retail food chain's audit and remuneration committees. Tesco said yesterday that it was "unable to give any indication at this time" as to whether Dr Jones would remain with the company.

Quality counts

WHEN it comes to staging glitzy, self-aggrandising galas, jewellers tend to regard themselves as the poor relation of the fashion industry. But 800 attending a glittering inaugural award ceremony for the British jewellery industry at Park Lane's Hilton Hotel cheered loudly for the initiative from EMAP, publishers of *British Jeweller* and *Retail Jeweller*, whose readers had voted for the prize-winners. The 21 awards — from "best new product" (a mechanical Oris watch) to "designer of the year" (Eric N Smith) — were individually sponsored in an orgy of mutual backscratching. The only surprise in an otherwise predictable event came with the list of shortlisted candidates. Ratners was selected, *not without some irony*, for the "Retail Quality Award". But even the judges could not forget Gerald Ratner's famous admission about his products. The Goldsmiths Group won the award.

Webb's wonder

JUST four months ago, Peter Webb walked out of his job at Thornton Investment Management and declared: "I want more control over my destiny. I want my own business to survive or fail on its own merits". Webb, credited with keeping Thornton's small company specialist fund in number one or two position *throughout the past five years*, has exceeded his own best expectations. He has far surpassed his original goal of raising £15 million to start a new independent fund for small companies capitalised at under £50 million. Eaglet Investment Trust, which next week moves into offices on the 12th floor of Moor House, London Wall, has attracted a tidy sum of £21.4 million, thanks mainly to the confidence invested in it by the likes of Lazard Brothers, Mercury Asset Management and Greig Middleton. Webb, 32, has also found his first recruit: Martin Lampshire, a credit analyst and commercial services manager at Lloyds Bank, where Webb himself first got his start.



Shrink rap

THE Securities and Exchange Commission has handed a $161,185.91 bill to American stock broker Martin Sloate for listening to the advice of a psychiatrist. *His problem: the* shrink passed on some price-sensitive information on two deals about which he had learnt while treating a patient . . . not just any patient, but Joan Weill, wife of Sandy Weill, the boss of Primerica, which takes over the bulk of Shearson Lehman later this month. Apparently Mrs Weill confided to psychiatrist Robert Willis information relating to the 1981 takeover of Shearson Lehman by American Express and Weill's unsuccessful efforts to bid for BankAmerica in 1986.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

So far, £55m to liquidate Polly Peck

From Mr. M. Aspey

Sir, Much has been written over the past few months regarding Polly Peck, its illustrious chairman, sundry politicians and *even* the Conservative party. During this time it has been assumed that the poor old shareholder will get nothing from the liquidation of the company assets, other than periodic administrator's reports detailing transactions.

These reports, between October 1991 and May 1993, reveal total receipts of £259 million and joint administrators fees and disbursements of £54.9 million — i.e. 21.15 per cent of the total receipts.

How can such fees be justified? Are the adminstrators paid on a performance basis or do they merely sell-off to tidy the books rather than negotiate a price?

I have never read any comment on this topic in the *financial press and consider it* worth investigation.

Yours faithfully,
M ASPEY
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West Yorkshire.

TGWU has unique appeal in changing times

From the National Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union

Sir, Whilst I would not want to take issue with the core of Philip Bassett's analysis of the future of "superunionism" (June 29), his opening lines invite comment. "For 71 years, Britain's biggest union has been the Transport and General Workers Union," he asserts. Seventy-one years takes us back to 1922, the foundation of the TGWU. The collation of *a number of small, specialist* transport unions from a previous federation, the T&G was not the largest union at its creation, it grew into that.

The AEU was almost as big at the outset, whilst the NUR was only overtaken by the T&G in the late twenties, after the *General Strike. The big*gest union for most of the early years of trades unionism was the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, arguably not a single union, but then is the NUM (which in 1945 inherited 32 legally independent constituent associations from the MFGB) a single union? The TGWU only just overtook the MFGB in 1938, as economic boom enabled the TGWU to exploit its niches in transport. *The restructuring of labour* and industry was at the heart of the TGWU's growth and the miners' decline.

Philip Bassett misses the essential point about the rise and fall of trade unions. The reason that railworkers' and miners' unions are no longer so gigantic is that new ways of achieving the same capital-enhancing activities were found. The reason that the TGWU grew is not that it was a "general" union, but that it uniquely was — and is — able to straddle private enterprise and public service, to cater for skilled and non-skilled, to appeal to blue- and white-collar workers, as well as every conceivable aspect of *labour activity. Even more* importantly, it was — and is — a union imbued with a dogged loyalty to its own members, at the same time as being a union employers know they can do business with.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM STEVENSON
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Directors urged to set risks out in accounts

BY SARAH BAGNALL

Companies must provide more detailed information on long-term factors that affect their business prospects, the Accounting Standards Board has decided

COMPANIES are being urged to make their accounts more informative, giving a clear picture of the main factors, influences, risks and uncertainties that may affect future profits.

The Accounting Standards Board's statement, *Operating and Financial Review*, published today, aims to make the report and accounts a "more consistent foundation" on which users can make investment decisions.

Managements are being asked to discuss clearly the main factors affecting a company's performance and market position, the risks and uncertainties it faces, how risks are being managed and, in qualitative terms, the nature of the potential impact on results. An explanation of a company's capital structure, its sources of liquidity and its treasury policy should also be given, the document says.

Management should inform users of accounts the bad news, as well as the good, the board says. David Tweedie, chairman, said: "It's a case of what analysts want and what companies can provide."

The statement, issued with the "strong" support of the Hundred Group of Finance Directors, the London Stock Exchange and the Financial Reporting Council, is not compulsory, but Mr Tweedie said that he hoped that most listed companies would adopt it.

The statement, which follows a discussion paper issued in April 1992, should result in companies revealing details previously undisclosed. One proposal is that companies should discuss why they are paying a tax charge different from the standard rate. This should result in users of accounts understanding why several companies, including the conglomerate Hanson, pay low tax charges.

The document suggests that directors discuss clearly and succinctly the main influences on the reported year's results, such as changes in the industry or the environment, and their effect on profits. These could include changes in market conditions, market share, turnover, margins and exchange rates. The statement avoids a checklist approach, instead urging directors to focus on matters relevant to their particular business.

Directors should also disclose the main factors liable to affect future results, irrespective of whether they were significant in the reported year, the statement says. These could include scarcity of raw materials, reliance on major suppliers or customers, self insurance, skill shortages and environmental costs.

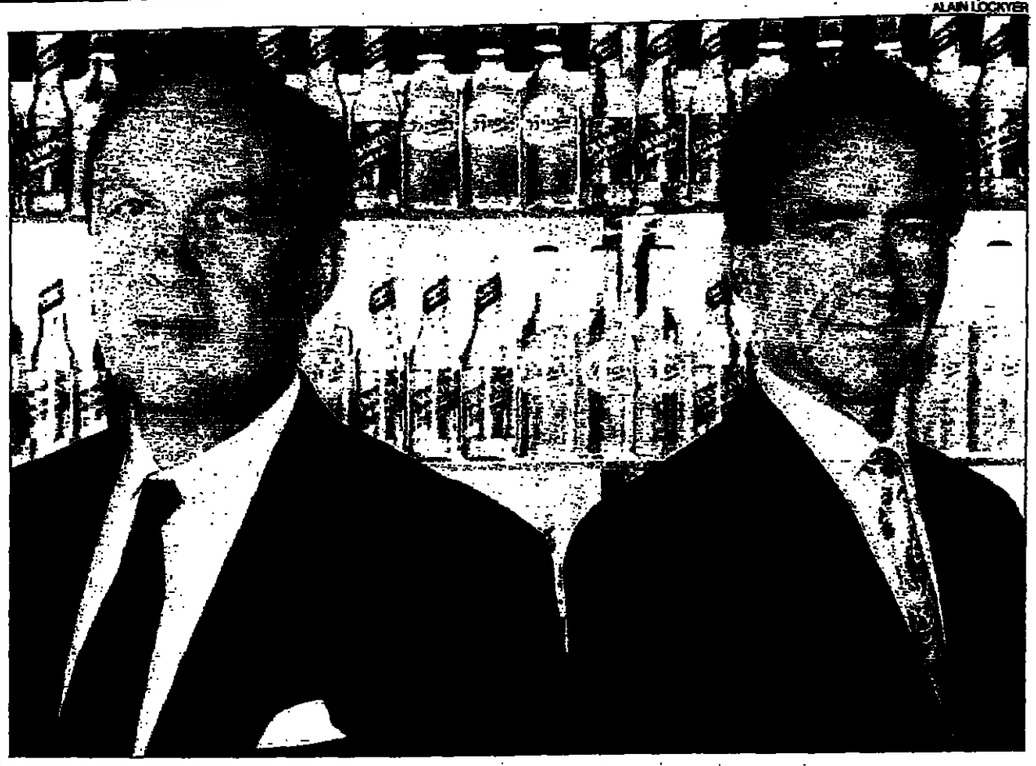
Directors are being asked to discuss investment for the future, disclosing, when relevant, activities and spending to enhance future profits, such as training programmes, marketing and advertising campaigns and development of new products and services.

The financial state of a company is also covered. The document says that accounts should disclose a company's debt maturity profile of both used and unused borrowing facilities, the types of financing instruments used and the currency and interest-rate structure and should indicate peak borrowing levels, which often vary significantly from the reported year-end level.

Companies should also refer to any restrictions on the ability to transfer funds to meet obligations of another part of a group, the document says. This would have highlighted the situation of Polly Peck International, the crashed conglomerate. A company should disclose breaching its banking covenants and what remedial action it can take, the statement says.

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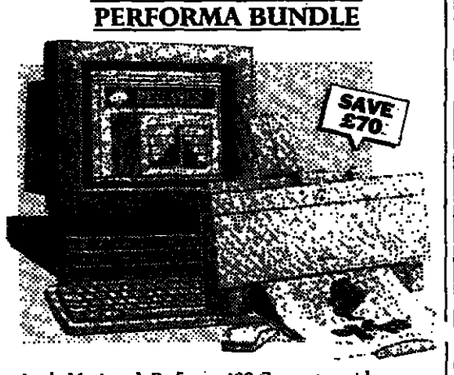


Lot of bottle: Taunton Cider, floated on the stock market last year, has approached several overseas brewers about putting their distinctive lager bottles into pubs and off-licences that stock Taunton's brands. Peter Adams, chief executive — left, with Nick Pearch, finance director — said plans were at an early stage and no earnings could be expected until at least 1994-5. However, using Taunton's distribution network to sell other products not in direct competition with its brands, and sale of the latter to overseas markets, was a reasonable avenue of growth. Taunton was announcing its first annual results since the float. That had wiped out borrowings, so pre-tax profits for the year to May 1 rose from £6.58 million to £17.6 million. A final dividend of 3.6p makes a 6.0p total. Operating profits were up by 16 per cent to £19.7 million, helped by a £15 million marketing campaign that accounted for more than half of cider companies' total advertising. Analysts' forecasts of pre-tax profits for the year remain at about £22 million.

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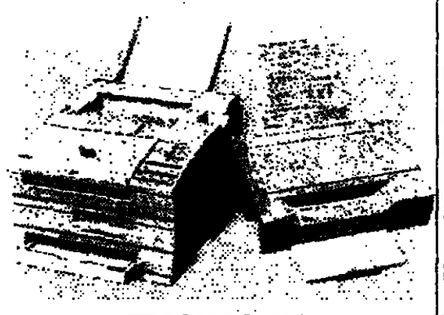
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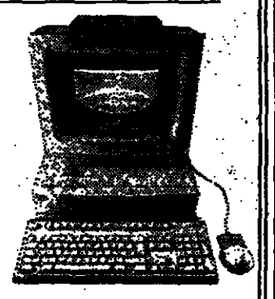
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Payout to creditors of Payroll Services

BY MARTIN BARROW

CREDITORS of Payroll Services, the collapse of which is being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office, have received early payment of more than £6 million recovered by the liquidators.

Touche Ross, the joint liquidators, forwarded cheques just a year after the failure of what was formerly one of Britain's largest payroll companies.

The payment was made possible through a unique voluntary agreement with all but two of Payroll's 390 claimants and approved in the High Court. Creditors' consent to accept the agreement without resorting to legal proceedings is estimated to have saved in excess of £750,000 in costs and enabled an interim dividend of 25 per cent to be made on a pro-rata basis.

The normal procedure results in creditors establishing claims against the insolvent company through a legal process which, in turn, obliges liquidators to investigate and confirm entitlements.

In the case of Payroll Services claims worth £25.25 million were made in respect of PAYE and national insurance contributions that were collected by the company as an agency of the creditors but not passed on to the Inland Revenue. Many claimants initially contended they were entitled to assert trust and tracing claims in respect of assets in the liquidation.

Christopher Morris, insolvency partner at Touche Ross, said: "I am delighted we have been able to structure a proposal that has been overwhelmingly approved by creditors, which has also enabled us to simplify and speed up the payment of funds, while at the same time it has saved creditors costs and legal expenses that would otherwise have amounted to, at the least, many hundreds of thousands of pounds."

Payroll Services served more than 500 banks and financial institutions around London. It went into liquidation having failed to forward clients' tax and national insurance contributions to the Inland Revenue, allegedly diverting the money into 55 properties in Britain and Spain. Clients were obliged to pay their tax bills again.

Among the more significant creditors are Credit Agricole, Creditanstalt, Yamaiichi Sakura Finance and Cantor Fitzgerald. Touche Ross hopes to recover more of the missing funds.

CrestaCare seeks £33m to expand

BY CARL MORTISHED

CRESTACARE is accelerating its expansion into nursing homes. The company is raising £33 million in a share placing to finance acquisitions and selling a large chunk of its remaining property portfolio for £2.5 million. Credit Lyonnais Laing is placing 83 million shares at 40p each to raise £31.6 million net. Existing shareholders will be able to claw back the new shares on a one-for-one basis. The company is paying £15 million for eight nursing homes, of which £14 million will be satisfied from the cash raised in the placing with the rest paid in shares issued to the vendors. The eight homes will add 515 beds to the company. A further £7 million is being set aside to fund options on four nursing homes held under leases, while the rest of the placing cash will be retained for further acquisitions.

CrestaCare has agreed the sale of part of its Isle of Man commercial property portfolio for £2 million and part of its sheltered housing portfolio for £500,000.

Andrew Taee, chief executive, said there would be some writedowns on property in the interim results in September.

Lufthansa heads for third loss

FROM REUTER IN HAMBURG

LUFTHANSA, Germany's national airline, expects to have broken even in the second quarter, but the state-controlled carrier is still likely to announce its third consecutive annual loss for the full year.

Jürgen Weber, management board chairman, told the annual meeting that revenues had been favourable in May and June. But the carrier needed to intensify restructuring efforts to return to profit by next year.

Herr Weber said: "We are considering transferring operating functions to smaller units, to subsidiary companies, to holding companies or outside companies."

Lufthansa had to consider moving some operations away from Germany, since they could no longer be delivered there at competitive costs, he said, without giving details.

Herr Weber said he expected the company to halve its operating loss and to make a loss after extraordinary items of about 200 million marks.

In May, Lufthansa reported a pre-tax loss of 310 million marks for 1992. In 1991, it had a loss of 426 million marks.

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3975	2975	Schroders	3915	...	14.0	3.6	15.0
797	576	Stand Chart	778	-5	30.0	3.9	...
198	149½	TSB	193	...	8.4	4.3	...
150	78	Union Disc	142	...	...	...	...
241	188	Warburg SG	230	...	3.0	1.3	18.2
7850	4845	Wells Fargo	7750	-85½	...	3.0	...
172	121	Westpac	171	+2	...	3.5	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	3.9	...

BREWERIES

646	517	Allied-Lyons	539	+3	...	4.8	14.6
567	444	Bass	555	-10	18.9	3.2	9.9
298	188	Boddington	281	...	7.3	3.2	16.4
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	393	+2	6.0	2.9	18.1
159	129	Burmah Cast	139	...	4.4	4.9	10.1
372	261	Dewavish (JA)	365	...	17.0	4.7	20.6
49	35	Eldridge F 'A'a	99 †	...	...	...	4.1
489	39	Fosters Brewing	51	...	...	5.3	7.1
390	338	Fuller Sm 'A'a	383	...	7.4	2.4	...
680	383	Grand Met	652	+2	12.3	2.3	10.9
427	354	Greenalls Grp	392	...	11.7	4.1	11.8
253	214	Greene King	252	...	11.6	4.6	13.0
516	400	Guinness	466	-3	12.0	2.6	16.6
281	220	Hardy Hanson	272 †	...	7.8	2.9	15.3
105	76	Hewitts a	105	...	3.0	2.9	13.0
95	78	-do- 'A' Da	82	...	3.0	3.7	18.5
342	255	Highland Dist	334	-1	6.8	2.0	22.2
3125	2538	Holt ‡	3025	...	45.0	1.5	22.0
58	38	Hoskins Brew	56 ⅜	...	...	...	40.3
323	280	Invergordn Dist	324	-2	7.0	2.2	...
157	120	MacAllan-Glen	148	...	6.0	4.0	17.9
465	375	Macdn Harvin 'A'	465	...	...	...	37.9
885	665	Marstons	799 †	...	13.4	1.4	...
275	231	Morton Thmp	267 †	+1	5.4	2.5	...
2418	1538	Matthew Clark	416	+2	...	3.2	...
300	253	Mcphrn W	288	+3	...	...	...
585	455	Morland	543	...	8.4	1.9	21.6
12	6	Paramount a	9½	...	...	2.1	14.6
166	145	Regent Inns	164	+1	...	3.4	16.4
428	328	Robt Brewries	422	+1	...	3.1	14.6
482a	428	Scot & Nwc	428	+1	...	3.1	14.6
225	181	Tamdon Cider	220	...	...	6.0	15 ...
248	213	Vaux Group	235	...	9.3	5.0	16.2
301	226	Whitbrd'ds Bd	288	...	...	2.1	29.3
512	452	Whitbread 'A'	477	...	...	2.2	25.0
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1080	...	...	2.2	25.0
613	488	Wolvrhmptn D	489	-6	11.4	2.9	13.7
515	475	Young 'A'	485	...	14.5	3.7	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

115	73	Abbey	110	+5	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton a	21	...	...	...	...
129	87	Allen a	120 †	...	...	5.2	27.2
69	66	Amec	67	-1	3.0	4.3	16.1
9½	6	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
216	155	Ashtenside	215	...	4.1	2.4	20.7
142	108	Attwoods	115	...	5.0	5.4	18.6
240	180	BPB Ind	234 †	-2	...	4.4	36.8
69	57	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.1	25.9
30	18	Bailey (Geo) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barron	95	...	1.3	1.6	17.2
158	94	Barrat Dev	150	-4	2.0	1.7	16.7
412	305	Bellway	396	-2	...	1.8	22.9
32	15	Bellwinch	30	...	...	...	...
423	295a	Berkeley Gp	401	-2	6.0	1.5	...
83	45	Bett Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
68	36	Blockleys	57	-2	1.0	2.2	63.0
265	189	Blue Circle	249	+2	...	2.6	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	277	...	5.0	2.7	15.5
108	78	Brockhse PLC	88	...	...	4.5	6.5
131	82	Br Dredging	130	...	5.2	5.5	26.4
121	83	Brit Fittings	76	...	1.5	2.5	...
79	60	Bryan	134	...	4.0	4.5	20.7
81	53	CALA	76	-4	2.5	...	...
284	205	CRH	274	-3	...	3.4	17.4
42	23	Calednord Hldy	31	...	...	...	...
46	33	Cassin	43	...	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	136	...	...	3.8	36.5
70	38	Crest Nicholson	61	...	0.0	...	...
94	78	Cussins	93	...	...	...	...
3	1½	Dominque	2	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hdgs	21	...	0.5	4.3	...
280	178	Epwin	254	...	6.8	3.3	21.5
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
280	252	Eve Georgs a	277	...	...	1.3	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	52½	...	2.0	4.8	34.6
9	3½	Explosives a	9	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gps	138	+7	...	4.6	22.6
70	58	Galliford	70	+1	4.3	...	15.7
78	53	Gibbs & Dandy	74	...	...	...	...
1881	695	Glasgow (L)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
1525	780	Hewden-Stuart	1350	...	...	3.4	22.2
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	1.3	3.5	...
288	186	Heywd Wms	285	-6	12.5	5.5	...
106	32	Higgs & Hill	99	+½	2.5	2.5	...
35	27	How Gp	27	...	...	8.9	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Hsmck Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
14	12½	IMVS	13	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	266	...	9.0	4.3	10.6
83	55	Ln Clydesdale a	75	...	4.5	7.5	28.2
25	10½	Lovell (Y)	19½	...	...	...	8.9
220	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	3.6	10.3
63	63	Marley	135	...	3.3	3.9	39.8
95	61	Marshalls	86	...	...	6.0	57.3
178	122	Maunden (J)	166	...	4.9	3.7	15.3
234	96	McAlpine (A)	194	-4	6.5	4.2	10.6
40	23	McKinty R S	32	-1	0.5	...	...
388	272	Mayer Int	353	-5	...	1.5	20.4
4	4	Milton Gps a	4	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	106	-2	4.0	4.7	...
86	51	NSM	83	...	...	...	...
53	45	Needler a	45	...	...	2.1	22.5
160	105	Newmans Tnks	149	-1	...	6.7	14.9
300	197	Persimmon	288	+1	...	3.1	14.6
31	20	Phoenix Timber	28	...	...	...	...
1625	1235	Pochins	1525	...	20.0	2.4	9.3
140	80	Prowting	119	-2	3.4	3.6	...
9½	3½	Quilligotti a	4	...	...	...	...
780	535	RMC Gp	744	+6	...	3.4	28.3
117	82	Raine Ind	87	+1	6.0	9.1	13.7
46	32	Ransom	32	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	466	+5	25.0	5.7	11.6
79	54	Reskil	79	...	4.3	6.8	17.9
256	207	Rugby Group	240	-5	6.4	2.7	19.9
42	23	Sarhld-Rees a	42	...	...	...	...
132	93	Shanly Pfdr	132	...	...	4.5	19.5
177	85	Sheffield Ind	175	...	...	3.8	63.9
123	82	Sheriff Hldgs a	123 †	+1	...	2.0	18.3
66	46	Shorrock	72	+2	...	3.5	9.0
225	197	Smart (J)	197	...	...	5.1	9.0
6½	2½	Stannin	2½	...	0.3	5.1	...
142	103	Tarmac	134	+2	3.5	5.1	...
194	137	Tay Homes	165	+3	5.4	4.0	10.5
118	83	Taylor Woodrw	108	+4	3.0	1.5	...
168	107	Tilbury Dougls	168	+4	10.0	7.0	...
38	19	Turer Bfrs a	38	...	...	1.5	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	239	...	8.0	4.4	40.3
40	30	Try Group	39	...	...	1.0	3.7
65	28	Tvdale a	28	...	...	...	9.6
65	41	Vibroplant	65	...	2.5	4.0	...
20	20	Ward Hldgs	20	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	31	...	...	...	...
475	360	Wates Hldgs	425	...	...	...	...
8	8	Wessels a	26	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	135	...	3.0	4.7	21.8
12	5	West Scottish a	9½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
571	371	Wilson Bowdn	493	-7	8.7	2.7	22.7
205	147	Wilson (C)	170	-4	3.9	2.9	29.4
197	104	Wimpey G	159 †	-1	...	4.1	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	...	4.0	4.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

575	463	ADT	500	+7	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	210	-3	11.0	5.2	15.3
93	56	Air Londons a	56	...	2.0	4.6	8.0
118	75	Alfred Lakes	94	...	...	3.9	30.8
178	125	Aqua Sec	172	-2	...	3.9	30.8
116	84	BET Ord	115	-½	...	3.9	16.5
285	218	BPP	285	...	6.9	2.4	16.2
318	238	Barbour Index	283	...	7.2	3.9	17.3
22	15	Boussard	20	+1	0.7	4.4	...
259	184	Brit Data Mgt	259	+3	...	1.0	21.6
21	11	Broadcastdata	18	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	58	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	102	...	2.4	2.9	11.7
178	139½	Capita Group	172	...	...	1.5	27.6
65	31	Chiltern Capital	49	...	...	2.4	16.3
55	40	Chrlotte	48	...	...	...	...
311	228	Chubb Sec	310	-3	...	1.9	20.7
20	18	Comacc	20	-1	...	...	...
6½	6½	Corp Services	6½	...	...	...	...
40	20	Courts Contig	40	...	...	...	...
92	70	Dart	92	-1	3.3	4.7	11.8
198	198	Davis Service	222	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
85	85	EW Ruiz a	91	...	4.3	4.7	17.9
28	11	Gardiner	28	...	0.6	...	24.6
245	215	Hays	240	...	4.6	1.9	13.5
230	194	Hogg Robinson	215 †	+4	...	...	40.3
53	42	Holmes Prescot a	53	...	...	2.6	...
147	127	Hunts Whamp	139	...	...	5.4	2.6
1975	975	ISS B DKr	1950	-25½	...	2.2	15.7
637	532	Inchcape	630	-1	25.7	3.8	...
689	669	Johnson Clean	678	...	...	...	...
3½	2½	Lep	2½	...	2.7	1.5	18.5
173	115	Mfle Gp	225	...	...	...	...
280	180	Manpower	278	...	1.8	4.5	21.2
49	40½	Michael Page	193	...	...	6.5	7.2
276	192	Persona	276	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Prime Peoples a	3	...	...	15.8	5.3
90	80	Proudfoot Alex	95	...	12.8	4.8	13.3
363	363	RCO	363	...	4.0	5.0	...
101	101	REA	101	...	...	...	...
83	83	Reed Executive	98	...	...	4.3	13.5
115	115	Reliance Secs	134	...	...	1.4	26.1
238	178	Rentokil	209	...	2.3	1.1	15.0
288	202	Rollit & Nolan	280	...	...	2.8	19.3
342	342	Salvesen (C)	342 †	-2	...	3.7	...
38	28	Scott Pickfords	28	...	...	4.2	18.0
184	164	Securicorand	164	...	...	...	...
8	5	Select Appts a	8	...	...	...	...
695	695	Siero Gp	970	-3	14.0	1.4	24.9
236	235	Sherwd Coppa.	236	...	...	4.0	21.5
94	90	Shrchley	94	...	0.5	2.6	16.5
310	310	Warner Howard	310	...	...	...	...
37	37	Wellpac	34	...	...	0.5	32.5
25	14	Wills Gp	23½	+1½	...	...	...

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

298	210	Allied Colloids	280 †	-1	...	2.3	18.9
808	613	Amersham	804	-3	13.5	2.1	...
3½	2	Anglo Dtd	3½	...	...	3.4	...
9435	8535	BASF Dkr	9437½	+185	...	4.5	...
280	190	BTP	280	...	9.3	4.3	...
2160	2101½	Bayer Dkr50	2130½	+240½	...	0.5	7.8
119	104	Blagden	153	...	...	9.3	9.1
165	93	Brent Chems	160	...	...	...	...
530	368	Br Bio-Tech	14	...	...	11.9	38.9
29	13½	Clard Gp	130	...	7.2	7.0	14.9
158	128	Crosfld (W)	142	...	...	3.5	14.4
534	504	Cmmrahls	528	...	...	3.5	19.2
258	228	Croda	240	...	6.6	4.1	18.7
193	121	Deeflex	213	...	6.0	4.1	19.4
210	175	Elbit a Everard	213	...	...	3.4	19.5
33½	16½	Ercro Colour	31½	...	...	2.5	15.0
299	299	Halstead (J)	299	...	...	4.5	28.1
241	194	Hickson	216	...	...	5.4	16.3
6114a	6850	Hoechst	6107	+25½	...	...	...
225	196	Holliday Chem	220	...	...	...	...

DRAPERY, STORES

78	61	Alexon	73	...	...	...	8.6	
87	63	Amber Day	69	...	3.1	3.6	10.9	
1295	1027	Argos Plc	1225	...	...	3.4	25.8	
26	12	Ashley Group	16	...	...	4.4	...	
116	89	Ashley (Laura)	108	-1	0.1	0.1	...	
288	228	Aspreys	280	...	...	2.2	...	
215	94	Austin Reed	152	...	...	1.3	...	
153	125	Bambi (F) 'A'	142	...	...	...	14.3	
121	98	Bemalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...	
238	208	Bettenware	232	...	6.0	2.7	16.8	
26	22	Bkdby Inds	24	...	2.3	8.7	...	
227	128	Body Shop	165	+1	...	0.1	25.1	
15½	11½	Brown & Jackson	12 †	-½	...	...	...	
408	318	Brown (N)	381	-5	...	2.1	22.4	
85	64½	Bunzl	84	-2	...	3.6	...	
168	138	Cannons	162	...	...	2.4	18.9	
260	205	Church	260	...	13.5	4.6	31.6	
218	97	Clinton Cards	143	...	4.3	3.2	17.2	
288	212	Coats Viyella	282	-2	...	3.9	22.7	
227	178	Debenhams a	211	+5	...	...	12.9	
668	494	Dawtry Fashion	661	...	5.5	1.0	...	
155	115	Dixons Sys a	137	...	...	5.5	6.4	
158	98	Daisy Fasns Intl	150	+3	...	2.8	19.1	
220	156	Dunhm (D)	210	+2	5.1	2.4	20.6	
381	251	Dixons Gp	365	-15	...	4.1	14.9	
385	265	Dunhill	385	...	...	...	...	
214	179	ERA Gp	15	...	...	...	...	
1400	1100	Edgs Wmblehtn	1400	...	16.0	4.0	17.1	
119	71	Ednct Form	118	...	...	2.5	20.0	
250	205	Etam	250	...	6.9	3.4	22.8	
500	469	Fine Art Dev	485	+4	12.7	2.7	19.1	
28	20	First Earth Tilas	28	...	...	...	...	
500	480	Formfitter	498	...	12.9	3.1	10.4	
38	24	French Conn a	30	...	...	...	...	
66	43	Gent 30	56	...	2.0	4.5	8.4	
29	19	Goldsmiths Gp	174	...	3.0	2.3	10.7	
3000	2400	GUS	3300	...	40.0	1.6	20.7	
1784	1563	-do- 'A'	1710	-35	40.0	2.6	15.6	
48	31	Hampden Gps a	31	...	...	4.5	10.2	
277	200	Harrods	265	+3	...	2.0	11.7	16.2
75	20	Hatton Ste	21½	...	...	...	...	
68	38	Heritage a	68	...	...	...	...	
68	58	Honeywell	65	...	...	...	...	
68	43	Hoopermarkets	60	...	...	...	...	
1½	1	Hotpoint Wt	1½	...	...	...	...	
678	494	Kingfisher	666	+4	...	2.9	19.5	
74	62½	Leslie Wine Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6	
685	495	Liberty	685	...	6.3	1.0	14.2	
320	265	Lloyds Chem	320	...	5.5	1.7	16.8	
152	120	MFI	125	-1	6½	5.8	16.7	
381	314	Marks Spencer	374½	-3½	...	3.0	18.4	
507	445	Marocdor (John)	504	...	10.0	2.5	16.8	
361	281	Mass Bros	321	...	5.5	1.7	14.2	
1794	1394	Moss Bros	1780	-10	5.5	4.0	20.6	
60	16	Laser-Scan a	45	...	...	...	...	
266	122	Lk&Edgr	266	...	...	0.4	...	
300	240	Lee Ruddig	270	...	9.0	3.1	15.5	
179	138	Life Sciences	143	...	3.5	2.4	16.9	
369	164	Logica	346	...	...	1.9	28.8	
54	44	LPA Ind a	44	...	...	4.5	10.2	
215	164	Mid Kent Magnet	215	...	4.9	2.3	16.2	
493	403	Macro 4	470	+2	...	2.4	22.5	
630	527	Marvin-Sys a	630	+7	...	1.9	19.0	
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2075	-16	...	1.9	19.1	
227	184	Microgen	185	...	4.9	2.6	15.4	
397	347	Misys	389	...	...	...	...	
514	357	Mkgs	499	...	6.1	1.5	22.8	
348	308	Mitel	332	-12	...	...	...	
134	108	MMT Comps a	120	...	...	1.6	15.2	
1½	1	Mdgtan	1½	+½	1.5	2.5	15.2	
221	172	MIT Data	215	...	3.0	1.4	15.9	
217	122	Multitone Elect	150	...	3.0	2.0	...	
177	116	Murray Enter	177	...	1.5	1.4	...	
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5900	...	...	...	...	
151	140	Nanometrics	141	...	2.5	2.3	18.1	
65	42	Newmark (G)	64	...	...	...	...	
135	58	Norbain a	132	...	...	0.8	19.8	
74	20	Northamber	68	...	0.6	1.3	...	
19	9	Nynehex	19	...	...	...	...	
265	195	Oxford Inst	265	+1	4.5	2.2	...	
48	28	PAF Invest	47	+2	1.0	2.2	...	
81	69	P & P	74	...	...	4.1	18.3	
1½	1	Pantos	1½	...	3.4	6.3	42.0	
115	115	Pegasus	162	...	...	4.8	...	
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	...	...	
1062½	728	-do- Loop Iw	1062½	...	...	...	...	
254	217	Phoenixlike	254	...	...	...	...	
419	343	Pilex	400	+5	7.7	2.1	20.8	
498	368	-do- 'A' Voting	498	+5	7.7	2.1	20.8	
93	78	Planmec a	78	...	...	...	...	
29	24	Prestwich	29	...	2.4	2.9	20.6	
138	98	Procurit	138	...	...	3.3	20.3	
138	94	Psion	138	...	0.7	1.8	...	
260	182	Racal Elect	214	+1	...	3.6	15.6	
82	63	Radamec	82	+1	...	3.6	15.6	
83	63	Radiuse a	83	...	...	3.6	15.6	
92	61	Real Time a	92	...	...	5.2	6.5	
18	12	Sirsa	18	...	...	...	...	
488	369	Sage Gp	488	...	8.0	2.3	16.0	
362	272	Sanderson Elec	305	...	6.0	2.0	20.2	
31	25	Scholes Gp	31	...	2.0	6.5	20.7	
117	95	Spans Gp	117	...	4.0	3.4	20.1	
39	29	Silverstone	39	...	...	6.0	15.5	
39	29	Sondhandtks a	39	...	...	1.3	...	
2512½	1737½	TDS	2250	...	...	...	...	
12	4	TDS Circuits a	12	...	...	...	...	
156	86	Telemmtn	150	+1	0.8	0.5	6.7	
1020	809	TOKYO Elec	1000	...	...	0.3	18.5	
399	274	Thorpe FW	388	...	2.5	3.0	10.6	
465½	376	Total Systems a	465½	...	3.0	0.6	...	
445	322	Tmsmail	445	...	6.0	1.7	17.4	
294	224	Unitech	294	...	5.8	3.1	40.9	
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ACCOUNTANCY

Prepare to meet thy tax dues

BY JENNIFER AINSWORTH

REMEMBERING the dictum that "The only two certainties in life are death and taxation" it is remarkable how little is done to prepare for either. But the public attitude towards taxation is changing fast as successive governments find ever-more sophisticated ways to raise revenue.

The proper management of a company's taxation affairs has long been recognised as a key ingredient towards achieving commercial success. That process is spreading into the area of individual taxation. Personal tax affairs must be properly managed to best advantage — unless you want to make unnecessary donations to the Treasury.

There are more than 9,000 fellows and associate members of the Institute of Taxation, and membership is rising fast. By setting and maintaining high standards of excellence and integrity, the institute aims to be perceived as the leading UK body for taxation professionals.

The institute is a broad church. Its membership includes tax specialists running their own practices, those who work for law and accountancy firms, and Inland Revenue and government staff.

Members have a duty to speak out for fair taxation. An individual can be very vulnerable in dealings with the Revenue. The institute wants to root out obsolete laws and promote a rolling review of tax structures. It also has a duty to generate new legislation, in a form beneficial to the state and the taxpayer alike.

Almost half the finalists in the institute's examinations this year were qualified accountants. Yet, the taxation expertise being fostered within the institute goes beyond the usual parameters of accountancy. While accountancy is mostly dealing with historical facts and marshalling them in good order, the taxation expert is more likely to advise on current and future taxation.

Within the next few years, the self-employed will have to cope with self-assessment taxation within the current year. For any business, the compilation of tax returns and the presentation of proper claims for tax relief must be seen as just as important as having a sales and marketing strategy.

Ordinary taxpayers have to learn to act like the really rich — who have long regarded tax advisers as part of daily life. One colleague was telephoned at midnight, while on holiday, by a millionaire client. He wanted to know whether it was in order to give his son a 21st birthday present worth a few hundred pounds? There spoke a man who believed in using experts — even when giving his money away.

Taxation is no longer a dull trade devoted to shuffling endless forms in and out of buff envelopes. It has creative and exciting career opportunities. For example, a typical assignment for an institute member — reshaping a company structure involving several subsidiaries in different parts of the world to the best financial advantage — calls for diplomatic skills, understanding of local conditions, and a creative talent for devising new schemes, just as much as the ability to read a balance sheet.

Bournemouth University is to offer a first degree in taxation from this year. Other universities are making similar plans. The provision of formal taxation degree courses will simplify the career structure for budding specialists. Graduates will be exempt from the first of the institute's own examinations — which have an awesome reputation for being hard and specialist.

It is a good career for a woman. I believe women display special aptitudes as tax specialists. Personally, I would rather deal with a man. Women make tough negotiators, possibly because they are not prepared to be as flexible as their male counterparts. Women will certainly use all weapons in their armoury and will hold out to maximise a deal to their advantage. I also believe that women can display flashes of intuition to cut through arguments and get to the heart of the matter. But perhaps I am prejudiced.

The author was the first woman president of the Institute of Taxation. She is a tax partner at Moores Rowland, the chartered accountant.

PETER TREVINOR



Aptitude for tax: Jennifer Ainsworth of Moores Rowland

Send fat controllers off train-spotting

DESPITE best endeavours, accountants are figures of fun. No matter how many of them come up with bright tax schemes or run big companies, image and perception remain the same. They may be bright and extrovert. But the public sees them as train-spotters.

As anyone with this year's 3i calendar on their wall knows, last week's drawing by New York cartoonist Charles Barsotti reinforced the image. An elf-like creature was shown bestowing three wishes on a passing accountant. You could tell he was an accountant. He had a hat, spectacles, moustache and briefcase. The caption read: "My first wish is for eternal life but not of course as an accountant". The profession has changed enormously in the last 20 years, but its image has stayed the same. The problem is the two types of accountants — enablers or controllers. The controllers are in the majority and give the profession a bad name.

Enablers use their skills to allow people to flourish within an organisation. They are imaginative, motivated by freeing up organisations, taking decisions and trying to grow businesses. Controllers are obsessed with imposing a system and then operating it. They see themselves as the technicians, the disciplinarians, without whom the whole business would go to hell in a handcart. They are dangerous to have around if you want to expand.



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A good enabler tends to be a good leader. Controllers tend not to attract loyalty or be good at motivating. As a result they tend to make bad leaders. Controllers create an environment where life is geared to the system and people are not encouraged to express themselves. In this environment people do not take risks. The system rewards those who please the controller by operating the existing system best. Those with talent leave.

This should be the profession's battle. It should devote itself to downplaying controllers and boosting enablers. A programme with that aim would do more for the profession than its obsession with rationalising bureaucracies or trying to regulate its members. It would also allow companies to feel happy about sacking controllers. There must be thousands of companies in the UK that during the recession have turned into organisations where controlling costs is seen as much more important than being innovative and selling more product. Controllers impose the system. Cost-cutting is simple. You look at a printout and lop 10 per cent off something that looks as though it could take it. You then ignore complaints of the damage the cuts will cause. Fashion is on your side. Recessions, controllers have imprinted on their fellow board members' minds, are all about cost control. No argument must get in the way of that principle. The controllers also lock into deep-seated puritanical under-currents. "No pain, no gain", they hiss at backsliders.

A controller-dominated organisation becomes deeply introverted and the prospect of achieving business basics like expanding the market become forgotten. The business turns inwards and sees squabbles about who should authorise internal documents as more important than launching a marketing initiative or a new product. A company dominated by controllers becomes both intensely political and insensitive to its market.

Accountants get this way because the profession encourages it. If you grow up and qualify within a controller environment you do not necessarily realise the damage that has been done. It always seemed odd to me that when facing auditing exams you were expected to learn by rote the minimum items necesary to be disclosed to shareholders in audited accounts. It would have made more sense to try and extend the maximum amount of disclosure.

Qualifying by working in large auditing firms just reinforces the system. Touche Ross is a controller environment, so probably is Ernst & Young. KPMG Peat Marwick used to be something of an enabler firm but has moved to a controller system. Coopers & Lybrand has had a battle between the two. Its ambitions created a high cost base and the controller culture is now fighting back. Price Waterhouse is in the same process. The odd one out, as so often, is Arthur Andersen. It is very disciplined so you could be tempted to argue it is controller-dominated, but it is very successful at enabling. Maybe it has cracked the secret and achieved a balance.

The profession is unlikely to solve the problem. It is up to companies to reform accountants. They should assess those they employ and show controllers the door, then insist those joining them have worked in a risk-oriented environment. Controllers will fight, but the balance will have been redressed. Even cartoonists may get the message.

No swansong from Swinson

CHRIS Swinson, the former BDO Binder Hamlyn senior partner who has now taken up residence at Stoy Hayward, has launched an outspoken attack on the accountancy profession. Swinson, who is the chairman of the financial reporting and auditing group, is proposing nothing less radical than a complete and utter overhaul of the accountancy profession on the grounds that, as a Victorian creation, it needs to be updated to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Furthermore, he suggests, the institute needs a structure to make it more attractive for members to serve on the council. Swinson's comments emerged during a debate hosted by the London Society of Chartered Accountants at Moorgate Place.

Waving the flag

AN UNUSUAL flag which may be spotted flying over the London offices of KPMG Peat Marwick may help secure for Manchester the role of host city for the Olympic Games in the year 2000. So, at any rate, hopes James Froomberg, a partner in KPMG's major project group, who has been helping the northern city in its fight against rivals such as Peking, Istanbul, Berlin, Brasilia and Sydney, which is the most serious competitor. The olympic bid flag flying over the firm's offices at Puddle Dock is a sign, perhaps, of all the work that KPMG Peat Marwick staff have put in to keeping the city's olympic bid on course — assessing the economic impact of the games on Manchester for the bid committee, among many other things. The name of the victor will be announced in Monte Carlo on September 23.

Light reading

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Bentley re-examination sought

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Bentley

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Tuckey

[Judgment July 7]

The Home Secretary should look again at the case of Derek Bentley, who was executed for murder in 1953 and examine whether it would be just to exercise the prerogative of mercy so as to give full recognition to the now generally accepted view that Bentley should have been reprieved.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so recommended on an application by Iris Bentley for judicial review of the Home Secretary's decision of October 1, 1992 not to recommend a posthumous free pardon for her brother, Derek Bentley.

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Mark Shaw for Iris Bentley; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Rabinder Singh for the Home Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said Derek Bentley, who was then 19, had been convicted together with Christopher Craig at the Central Criminal Court on December 11, 1952 before Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, of the murder of Police Constable George Miles.

He had been sentenced to death. The jury had added a recommendation for mercy. Craig, who was 16, had been ordered to be detained at her Majesty's pleasure.

According to the Crown, Bentley and Craig had been seen climbing on to the roof of a confectionery warehouse in Croydon. Detective Constable Fairfax, accompanied by PC Harrison and two other officers had arrived on the scene at about the same time as a wireless car containing PC Miles.

DC Fairfax had followed Bentley and Craig on to the roof. He had caught Bentley, who had broken away and shouted "Let him have it, Chris". Craig had fired a gun and wounded DC Fairfax who had then overpowered Bentley and used him as a shield after relieving him of a knuckleduster and a knife.

DC Fairfax had told Bentley he intended to work him round the roof to the door of a fire escape, and Bentley had said: "He will shoot you". DC Fairfax, having reached the staircase head, had shouted to Craig to drop his gun and Craig had replied: "Come and get it". At that point PC Miles, arriving on the roof by another route, had confronted Craig, who killed him with a shot between the eyes.

Lord Goddard had written to the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the day after Bentley was convicted to say: "... I could find no mitigating circumstances in Bentley's case".

Two senior Home Office civil servants, Mr Philip Allen and Sir Frank Newsam, had advised that effect be given to the jury's recommendation for mercy but the Home Secretary had decided that the law should take its course. Bentley had been hanged on January 28, 1953 his appeal having been dismissed.

On October 1, 1992, announcing his decision to refuse a free pardon, the Home Secretary, Mr Kenneth Clarke, had written: "It has been the long established policy of successive Home Secretaries that a free pardon in relation to a conviction for an indictable offence should be granted only if the moral as well as technical innocence of the convicted person can be established. I do not believe that is the case on either point in relation to Derek Bentley."

Having reviewed the authorities, the court accepted that its powers could not be ousted merely by invoking the word "prerogative". The question was simply whether the nature and subject matter of the decision was amenable to the judicial process. It was not necessary for the court to say more than that some aspects of the exercise of the royal prerogative were reviewable.

In the instant case, the applicant had originally sought to attack the Home Secretary's application of long standing Home Office policy that a free pardon would not be granted unless he was satisfied the person concerned was both morally and technically innocent of the crime.

That disclosed an error of law, it had been argued, since it misunderstood the nature and effect of a free pardon. Had that remained the basis of the applicant's case the court had considerable doubt whether the decision could be reviewed since the formulation of policy for the grant of a pardon was probably not justiciable.

However, as the argument had developed it had become clear that the substance of the applicant's case was that the Home Secretary had failed to recognise the fact that the prerogative of mercy was capable of being exercised in many different circumstances and over a wide range and therefore failed to meet the facts of the present case. Such a failure, their Lordships thought, was reviewable.

The court understood the strength of the argument that, despite the fact that a free pardon did not eliminate the conviction, the grant of a free pardon should be reserved for cases where the technical and moral innocence of the convicted person could be established.

The contemporary papers disclosed the following facts: (1) Craig, who fired the fatal shot, was not executed; (2) the jury had recommended mercy to Bentley; (3) two senior civil servants had advised that effect be given to the jury's recommendation; (4) there were precedents for a reprieve; (5) Bentley's mental state was shown to be "just above the level of a feeble-minded person"; (6) it seemed clear that Maxwell Fyfe had consulted Lord Goddard before making his final decision. Lord Goddard had said he could find no mitigating circumstances.

A pardon could be conditional, substituting a lesser sentence for the original penalty. There was no objection in principle to the grant of a posthumous conditional pardon, even though it might be objected that such a pardon was inappropriate where the full penalty had been paid.

The answer to that objection was that the prerogative was a flexible power which was now a constitutional safeguard against mistakes. The grant of a conditional pardon would be a recognition by the state that a mistake had been made and a reprieve should have been granted.

The court was far from satisfied that Mr Clarke had given sufficient consideration to his power to grant some other form of pardon which would be suitable to the circumstances of the particular case. There was a compelling argument that, even by the standards of 1953, that Home Secretary's decision was clearly wrong.

In those circumstances, the court, although it had no power to direct the way in which the prerogative of mercy should be exercised, had some role to play. The Home Secretary's decision had been directed to the grant of a free pardon.

In those circumstances the court did not think it would be right to make any formal order nor was it an appropriate case for the grant of a declaration.

Nevertheless, the court would invite the current Home Secretary to look at the matter again and to examine whether it would be just to exercise the prerogative of mercy in such a way as to give full recognition to the now generally accepted view that Bentley should have been reprieved.

No doubt account had to be taken of the risk of a flood of other applications seeking to re-open past convictions. But from examination of the papers in the case, and in the light of the court's understanding of the broad scope of the prerogative of mercy, the court was satisfied that the matter was exceptional and required further consideration.

The decision was one for the Home Secretary and not for the court, but it seemed to their Lordships that it should be possible to devise some formula which would amount to a clear acknowledgement that an injustice was done.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co, Southwark; Treasury Solicitor.

Whether pub is a restaurant

Taylor v Courage Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Evans

[Judgment June 29]

Where the tenant of a public house provided in the premises the facilities of a restaurant and the activities on the premises comprised overall the carrying on of a restaurant business, the tenancy was one to which Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 applied.

The Court of Appeal so held in a preliminary issue when allowing an appeal by Mr Michael Graham Taylor, the tenant of the Wheatsheaf public house, at Combe Hay, near Bath, against a declaration by Mr Adrian Palmer, QC, sitting as a deputy judge at Bath county court, that the tenant was not entitled to the protection of the 1954 Act at the expiration of a five-year lease granted by the landlord, Courage Ltd.

Section 43 of the 1954 Act, as substituted by section 2(6) of and paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Finance Act 1959, provides:

"(1) [Part II] of this Act does not apply — ... (d) to a tenancy of premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises, other than — (i) premises which are structurally adapted to be used, and are bona fide used, for a business which comprises ... the carrying on of a restaurant, being a business a substantial proportion of which consists of transactions other than the sale of intoxicating liquor; ..."

Mr Jonathan Brock for the tenant; Mr Edward Cole for the landlord.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the tenant held form the landlord under a five-year lease licensed premises known as the Wheatsheaf public house. The tenant claimed that he was entitled to the protection of the 1954 Act in the respect of the premises.

Accordingly, at the expiration of his original five-year term and after giving the requisite notice he applied to the court for a new tenancy of the premises under the Act.

The landlord disputed his right to a new tenancy since the premises were licensed premises. The question turned on the words in section 43(1)(d)(i).

There was no dispute as to the facts. The issue was the correct inference to be drawn from the facts in applying the terms of the section to them.

When the tenant took his lease, the Wheatsheaf was a traditional public house and not within the Act. The tenant, however, carried out substantial extensions to the building.

There was now a dining room which contained half a dozen dining tables which were laid up if booked in advance or as required. The menu for the day was chalked up on a blackboard by the bar servery.

There was a wine list kept at the servery and a customer, whether he was taking from the à la carte menu or having bar food, could order from a selection of some 17 or 18 wines.

All orders for food or drink were placed at the bar servery. The customer then went to his table and his food was brought to him by a waitress. All customers' bills were paid at the bar servery, not to the waitress.

In present conditions there were many public houses which had both a bar where drinks and bar food were served and a restaurant in a separate room where meals were served to customers at dining tables by waitresses with wine or other drinks as required.

There could be no doubt at all that those satisfied the test of the words in the section "the carrying on of a restaurant" and were within the protection of the Act.

There was no doubt that as a result of the extensions carried out by the tenant the premises were structurally adapted to be used in the way indicated which would be within the protection of the Act.

The question was whether the difference between that way of using the premises and the way in which the premises were on the evidence actually used was crucial and deprived the tenant of the protection of the Act.

That difference came down to this. At times when there were tables in the dining room which were unoccupied and unbooked a customer who had only ordered bar food would be allowed to sit at a dining room table to eat it and sip his drink, or a group who had ordered only pints of beer would be free to sit at an empty dining room table while they drank their beer.

Conversely, customers who had ordered meals from the à la carte menu would be allowed, if they wished and there was space available, to take their meals at the bar tables.

The judge took the view that what the Wheatsheaf provided was one overall service.

So far as the service of the food was concerned, that was correct in that the system of service was the same whether the customer had ordered bar food or from the à la carte menu with a bottle of wine. The customer would then sit to eat where he chose out of the seats and tables that were unoccupied and unbooked.

If one looked at the Wheatsheaf as a whole one would not say that it was a restaurant and nothing but a restaurant. Equally one could not say that the dining room was a restaurant separate from the rest of the premises and only to be used by those eating meals and not by those merely consuming their drinks.

But if the premises were looked at as a whole and account was taken of the nature of the food provided and the extent to which the takings were provided by food as opposed to drink, his Lordship would hold that the tenant provided the facilities of a restaurant and the activities comprised overall the carrying on of a restaurant. It was not essential that the restaurant customers should be confined to a particular area from which all others were excluded.

His Lordship would allow the appeal, set aside the judge's order and make a declaration that the tenancy was one to which Part II applied.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Evans delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Charles Russell, Cheltenham; Osborne Clarke, Bristol.

Collateral attack exception

Walpole v Partridge & Wilson (a Firm)

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment July 1]

A failure by a solicitor acting for a plaintiff in breach of duty to advance an appeal upon a point of law, which would have caused the decision against the plaintiff to be set aside, might constitute an exception to the principle that the initiation of proceedings in a court of justice for the purpose of amounting a collateral attack upon a final decision of the court could be an abuse of process of the court.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing the appeal of Mr Brian Walpole and J. J. Walpole & Sons, his firm, against the decision by Mr Justice Mantell on July 3, 1992 to strike out their action against the defendants, Partridge & Wilson, a firm of solicitors, as an abuse of the process of the court.

Mr Paul Norris for Mr Walpole; Mr Kenneth Parker, QC for the solicitors.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the judge had reached his conclusion by holding that Mr Walpole's claim was an abuse of process within the principles stated by Lord Diplock in *Hunter v Chief Constable of West Midlands Police* ([1982] AC 529, 541).

However, the decision of the House of Lords in *Hunter* was not, in his Lordship's opinion, that the initiation of proceedings in a court of justice for the purpose of mounting a collateral attack upon a final decision was necessarily an abuse of process, but that it might be.

The question whether it was so clearly an abuse of process that the court must, or might, strike out the proceedings before trial had to be answered having regard to the evidence before the court on the application to strike out.

There were, in short, and at least, exceptions to the principle.

New proceedings therefore were not necessarily an abuse of the process of the court, having regard to new matters and factors to be proved or established by fresh evidence.

It seemed to his Lordship clear beyond question that the contention that Mr Walpole's solicitors, acting for him in earlier proceedings, failed in breach of duty to advance an appeal upon a point of law, which would have caused the decision against Mr Walpole to be set aside, could constitute an exception and Mr Walpole's claim should therefore be allowed to proceed to trial.

Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Barda & Vidgen, Ruislip; Mills & Reeve, Norwich.

Employer not liable for contempt of court if employee disobeys orders

In re Supply of Ready Mixed Concrete (No 2)

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment June 25]

An employer did not become a party to an unlawful restrictive practice agreement if he prohibited his employee from entering into the agreement and the prohibition was in clear and unequivocal terms and in no sense a sham.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing the appeals of Ready Mixed Concrete (Thames Valley) Ltd and Pioneer Concrete (UK) Ltd against orders made on September 24, 1990 by the Restrictive Practices Court (Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln presiding) (*The Times* October 15, 1990) by which the appellants were each fined £20,000 for contempt of court for breaching earlier court orders restraining them from operating restrictive practice agreements contrary to section 35(1) of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976.

The appellants had been given leave to appeal out of time on the ground that their pleas of guilty to contempt of court had been tendered on a wrong legal basis (*The Times March 6, 1992*).

Mr Stewart Boyd, QC and Mr Paul Smith for RMC; Mr Michael Crystal, QC and Mr Christopher Vajda for Pioneer; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Christopher Katkowski for the Director General of Fair Trading.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that Mr Richards had argued that employers could become parties to an unlawful arrangement if they did not take reasonable steps to prevent their employees entering into such arrangements. Those reasonable steps went beyond prohibition: they required employers to monitor the activities of their workforce, properly to educate their workforce and to invoke and maintain a system which secured the effective working of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 and prevented abuses of it.

In the court's judgment, an employer did not become party to an agreement or an arrangement if he prohibited his employee from entering into it, provided that the prohibition was in clear and unequivocal terms and was in no sense a sham.

If the employee then chose to enter into an agreement contrary to the instructions, the employer did not become a party to the agreement in the absence of the employee being cloaked with ostensible authority.

Of course, with individual employees the degree of emphasis in order to bring home the prohibition might vary, but the court did not accept that the test was subject to what in effect was the gloss suggested by Mr Richards, that the employer was in all cases bound, despite the prohibition, if he failed to take further steps to prevent the agreement or arrangement being concluded or thereafter being implemented.

It was the prohibition, and the prohibition alone, which took the employer outside the agreement or arrangement. The adequacy of the steps to be taken might vary from employee to employee dependent upon the likely response. But the adequacy of those steps was no more than evidence of the quality of the prohibition. They were not in themselves features which rendered the employer a party or not a party to the individual agreement.

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines; Clifford Chance; Treasury Solicitor.

Corrections

In *R v Brent LBC, Ex parte Awua* (*The Times* July 1) it should have been stated in the first paragraph after the authority's duty had been performed "but the person's subsequent eviction from the intermediate accommodation was none the less not capable of making him intentionally homeless."

In *Broadley v Guy Clapham & Co* (*The Times* July 6) the case which was held wrongly decided was *Bentley v Bristol & Weston HA* ([1991] 2 Med LR 359). *Hendy v Milton Keynes HA* ([1992] 3 Med LR) was distinguished.

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European Acc	154.70	164.60	+ 1.10	0.42
UK Pref Fd Inc	60.33	64.20*	+ 0.03	6.83
-do-Acc	99.31	105.69	+ 0.10	6.83
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.19	51.27	+ 0.20	0.22
Environmental Opp	70.74	75.26	+ 0.08	1.74

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International	319.03	338.90*	- 1.30	0.96
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Financial	41.46	44.05	+ 0.13	2.70
Global Opps Inc	88.83	94.38	+ 0.09	2.12
-do-Acc	92.08	97.84	+ 0.10	2.12
Gold Gen Inc	53.08	58.32	+ 1.48	0.73
-do-Acc	105.70	112.30	+ 2.90	0.73
Japan General	157.60	167.50	+ 0.60	...
Preference	21.71	23.07*	+ 0.01	7.88
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North American	102.51	107.91	- 0.34	0.87
Far Eastern	260.49	259.49*	- 3.06	1.70
Intl Growth	98.14	103.30	+ 1.30	1.21
European	62.82	66.13*	+ 0.87	2.10
Smaller Cos	69.18	72.82*	- 0.06	2.50

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General Income	88.36	94.56	+ 0.30	3.76
UK Growth	93.59	100.10*	- 0.70	0.97
UK Income	109.10	107.18	- 0.39	3.24
US Smaller Cos	252.70	270.30	- 0.50	0.08

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Am Smllr Co	430.20	460.00	- 1.00	
-do-Acc	430.50	470.00	- 9.00	
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-do-Acc	286.00	314.50	+ 0.30	2.01
Coml Smllr Cos	46.61	50.16*	- 0.09	0.48
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European	63.70	69.96*	- 0.33	0.98
Exempt	97.68	104.39*	- 0.46	3.07
Extra Income	296.90	315.80	- 0.70	4.00
-do-Acc	415.70	442.10	- 1.20	4.00
Financial	107.00	114.70	- 0.30	0.35
-do-Acc	112.00	120.10	- 0.40	0.35
Gbl Gth Tst	63.17	65.14	- 0.05	6.81
-do-Acc	81.63	84.17	- 0.07	6.81
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-do-Acc	119.30	127.40		
Income Tst	179.30	190.70*	- 0.50	3.79
Intl Growth	254.00	270.10*	- 0.90	3.79
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-do-Acc	352.40	376.50	- 0.30	
Japan Gen	179.10	191.40	- 1.40	
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Monthly Income	154.00	163.80	- 0.30	8.03
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Recovery	49.76	52.92*	+ 0.03	5.78
Recovery	264.30	314.90		0.50
-do-Acc	344.90	366.80		0.50
UK Growth	48.56	49.76	- 0.22	2.60
-do-Acc	48.56	49.76	- 0.22	2.60

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-do-Acc	703.35	748.24	- 1.56	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	106.73	113.54	+ 0.51	0.88
-do-Acc	109.91	116.93	+ 0.53	0.88
Fixed Int Dist	132.49	140.95*	+ 0.41	6.01
-do-Acc	223.91	238.84*	+ 0.20	6.34
Intl Gth Dist	77.35	82.18*	- 0.17	0.68
-do-Acc	80.18	85.31*	- 0.18	0.68
Nth American Dist	185.00	197.00	- 0.40	0.57
-do-Acc	180.75	191.47*	- 1.48	0.90
Pac Basin Dist	249.16	265.06*	+ 1.22	0.10
-do-Acc	253.73	269.93*	+ 1.24	0.10
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-do-Acc	360.08	383.06	- 1.39	1.71
Stwd Inc Dist	84.55	88.67	- 0.17	3.16
-do-Acc	79.88	84.98	- 0.21	3.16
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Global Assets Ac	73.58	78.54	+ 0.10	2.12
Income Trust	125.20	134.10	+ 0.60	5.26
International	276.80	296.00	+ 0.80	0.94
Intl Income	76.23	81.10*	+ 0.01	4.92
Japan General	373.70	397.10	+ 3.70	
Smllr Cos Div	46.09	49.30*	+ 0.13	6.00
UK Capital Inc	167.70	179.40	+ 0.80	4.01
-do-Acc	285.80	305.80	+ 1.36	3.66
Gwd Inc Dist	64.55	68.67	+ 0.17	3.16
-do-Acc	79.88	84.98	+ 0.21	3.16
N Am Stwd Dist	97.75	103.97*	- 0.65	
-do-Acc	103.38	109.98*	- 0.65	

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-do-Acc	223.58	240.19	+ 0.22	4.80
UK Smaller Cos	108.89	113.56	+ 1.82	0.81
Income Funds				
Preference Share	28.36	27.11	- 0.03	8.15
High Inc	31.85	34.17	+ 0.07	4.80
UK Equity Inc	128.51	137.44	- 0.49	3.92
Global Bond	29.86	30.93*	- 0.15	4.66
International Funds				
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Frontier Markets	43.75	46.92	+ 0.27	0.51
Global Inc Gth	119.15	127.14	- 0.13	1.93
UK Intl	118.74	124.56*	+ 0.43	0.16
Overseas Funds				
American	127.43	136.13*	- 1.27	0.46

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	81.04	85.97	+ 0.48	0.63
Euro Sel Opps	96.45	102.85	+ 0.59	0.72
American Emerg	79.89	85.87	+ 0.56	
Hong Kong	115.40	123.75	- 0.34	2.01
Japan	227.97	242.12*	+ 1.23	
Pacific Growth	159.25	170.78*	+ 0.14	0.36

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European Gth	65.28	69.78	+ 0.28	0.42
Japan Gth	79.25	84.74	+ 0.48	
Pacific Inc	141.71	151.56*	+ 0.39	2.85
Pacific Strategy	125.84	134.57	+ 0.13	0.25
UK Prop Inc	73.17	77.07	+ 0.71	4.61
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Growth/Inc	425.30	454.30	- 1.20	2.16
Income Trust	109.10	116.50*		2.82
International	156.50	167.20	+ 0.80	0.17
Japan Trust	124.70	133.20	+ 0.10	
Nth American	252.50	269.70	- 2.10	0.41
Pacific	376.00	401.70	+ 0.60	
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North American	95.82	101.70*	+ 0.10	
Recovery	113.80	120.90	+ 0.40	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.41	32.35	- 0.04	2.04

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Australian	141.53	151.39	+ 2.57	1.20
European	365.30	386.99	+ 1.57	1.31
European Inc	71.34	75.43	+ 0.23	2.71
Euro Snd Co	116.98	124.64	+ 0.48	0.63
Extra Income	258.75	275.45*	- 0.40	4.84
Family of Funds	70.48	75.27*	+ 0.12	1.02
Global Bond	55.86	59.74*	+ 0.04	7.85
Global Resour	111.69	119.50		

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Mark Rylance plays Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing as a funny, nerdy Ulsterman

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Thomas Allen cuts a sombre figure as Don Giovanni in the Royal Opera's revival



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on a lumbering film version of a video game, *Super Mario Bros.*

Poor show of gamesmanship

Since many of Hollywood's blockbuster hits from *Star Wars* to *Home Alone 2* now exist as video games, it was only a matter of time before Hollywood waved its magic wand and turned a video game into a movie. The horrible result is **Super Mario Bros.** This is 108 minutes of chasing, hurtling and over-acting in a parallel universe of reptilian thugs, fungus and slime. Joystick virtuosi may just about tolerate what they find, but to anyone weaned on Snakes and Ladders this film is hell on earth.

In the wildly popular Nintendo game created by Shigeru Miyamoto and Takashi Tezuka, you can spot Mario the Brooklyn plumber by his bulbous nose, thick moustache and large colliding eyes. Bob Hoskins, though far from Italian, makes a bearable movie facsimile. Yet the production team — an unlikely union of Roland Joffé, Jake Eberts and "Max Headroom" creators Rocky Morton and Annabel Jankel — still come spectacularly unstuck trying to build an essentially plotless game into a mainstream narrative movie.

The Mario brothers' goal is to rescue a dull, pretty princess and a sliver of rock from a parallel universe under Brooklyn's streets, created 65 million years ago in the meteorite explosion that supposedly killed off the dinosaurs. It sounds simple enough. But each step of the brothers' way is so weighted down with backfiring jokes, cumbersome rigmarole and over-elaborate special effects that the obstacle race never gathers enough momentum.

There is no room for characters to grow, or audiences to breathe. One second Dennis Hopper is mincing and bellowing as Koopa, the reptilian ogre with plans to merge his world with ours. Then a fireball explodes, a car careens, or the plumbing brothers (Hoskins and John Leguizamo) get swallowed in fungus. Or maybe Yoshi the cute Tyrannosaurus rex does a turn; or a squadron of Goombas, eight-foot idiots in military greatcoats, stagger around; or the princess (bland Samantha Mathis) discovers a yellowish glop hanging from a ceiling — the remains of her long-lost father.

Whatever happens, rest assured it happens in tedious excess: a stylistic trait that might have worked in Morton and Jankel's commercials and music videos, but proves ruinous over a long span. A film of a video game, after all, needs gusto and speed: for all its non-stop action, *Super Mario Bros.* the movie has the dead weight of a hearse.

Equinox is another dense, busy film. But there, I am glad to say, the comparison ends. For the complex imagery bears the personal stamp of one of American cinema's quirkiest talents, Alan Rudolph. Even when the plot appears indecipherable, you are never inclined to fidget. You go with the flow, the popcorn forgotten, safe in the hands of a master director. This is, supremely, a "movie movie" — fresh, challenging, and an increasing rarity when so many films seem blurred carbon copies of past hits or television dramas writ large.

We are in Empire City, a crumbling metropolis swathed in smoke, pavements teeming with the lost and homeless, lottery adverts on billboards dangling dreams of escape. Two lives are presented in parallel. There is Henry, mousy adopted son of an ex-vaudevillian garage owner; his life, he feels, is somehow unfolding in his own absence. There is Freddy, a cocky, ambitious gangster, personal driver to Empire's Mr Big. Matthew Modine plays both heroes. Gradually, through the detective work of a morgue attendant tracking a secret trust fund and sniffing big bucks, we learn the two are twins, separated at birth, unaware of each other's existence.

The film itself never bares its plot so openly. Instead Rudolph's gliding camera leads us through an enticing maze of cryptic encounters, bizarre, poignant and comic by turns. Even if we remain unsure where *Equinox* is headed, our hearts are touched, our minds engaged by these desolate souls struggling over love and destiny. Henry tries a hesitant romance with Lara Flynn Boyle's painfully withdrawn Beverly (curt black hair; a reader of Emily Dickinson). Freddy, the dark side of this equinoctial couple, proves less engaging, but he and his gangster chums make their mark in the suddenly bloody climax.

Returning to personal cinema after the mainstream *Mortal Thoughts*, Rudolph shows great sureness of touch varying the pace and emotional colour in this kaleidoscope of lost souls. However stylised the scenes, he still gives the cast space to shine: aside from Modine, there is M. Emmet Walsh, grinning madly as the joke-a-minute vaudevillian, and Fred Ward, humorously sinister as Freddy's boss.

Rudolph only fumbles at the close, with a stunningly scenic but empty ending that could mean anything or nothing. Yet *Equinox* remains unharmed: it demands attention and patience, but amply rewards with the kind of magic only the best cinema can provide.

You need patience, too, for **House of Angels**, though for different reasons: the film takes ages to knit together and drags its feet at the end. What matters is the chunk in between: an observant portrait of a staid Swedish village newly visited by an unbuttoned city girl and her boyfriend. She (the delightful Helena Bergström) wears a black bra and an impish smile; he (the amusing Rikard Wolff) sports permanent stubble, hollow eyes and a Harley Davidson. In the vicinity are simple farmers, prim ladies in tight perms, much bigotry, some greed, and sunny skies.

Though the film delves deep into Sweden's social fabric, its director, Colin Nutley (interviewed below) is British. He began in television documentaries, and the training shows in the unforced pace, the emphasis on faces and places.

Tighter editing would help the drama; still, Nutley's saunterings allow each character to be seen in the round, flaws and all. *House of Angels* is hardly cinema at its most exciting, but few recent films have been so humane.

Super Mario Bros.
Odeon Leicester Square, PG

Equinox
Metro, 15

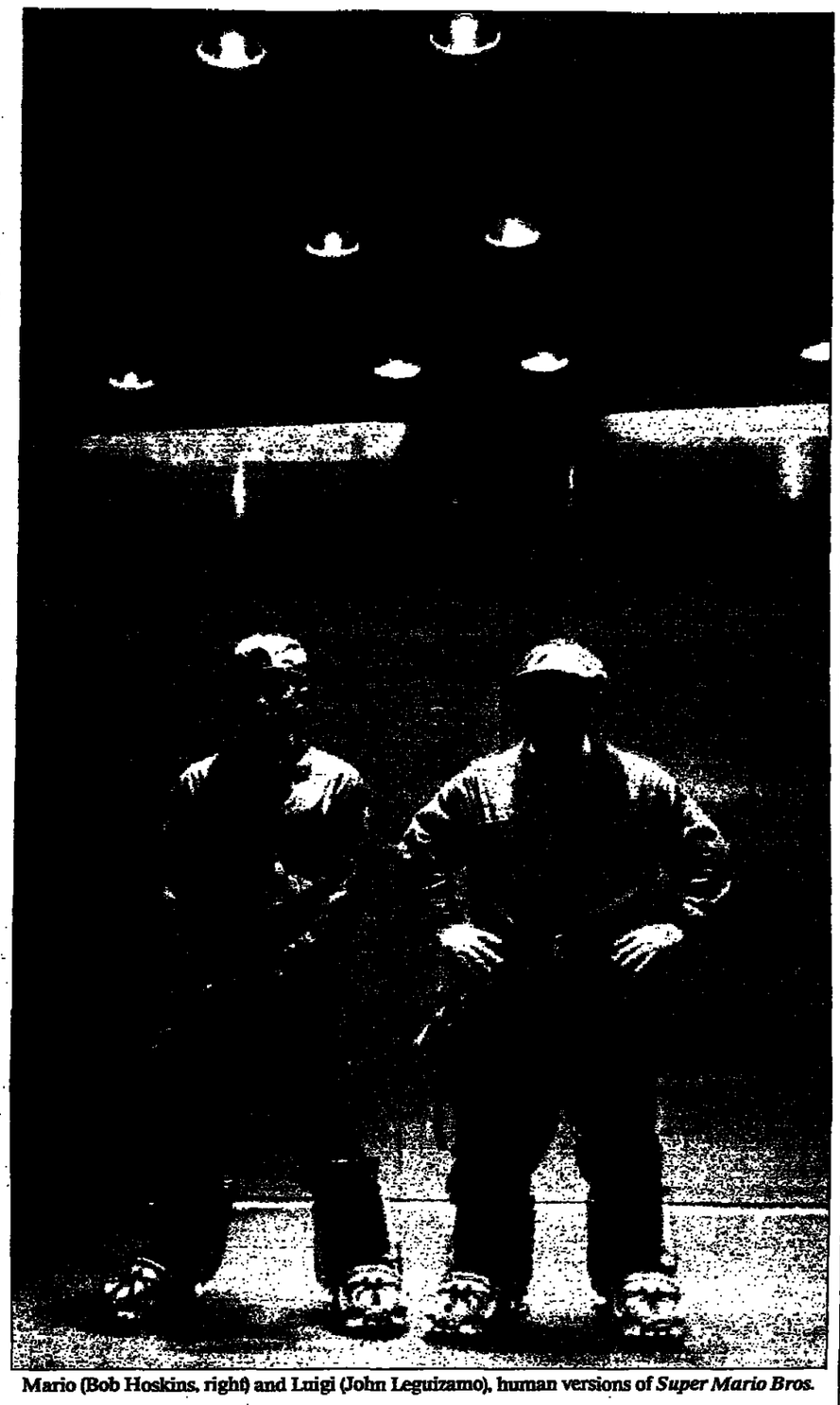
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When Hollywood gets a touch of the whimsies, it is usually time to hide. The very title **Benny & Joon** is ominous, though the most aggravating character is neither Benny nor his mentally unbalanced sister Joon, but moonstruck Sam, who clowns about with the mannerisms of Chaplin and Keaton and likes to toast bread with an iron. Joon falls for him straightaway.

Despite the script's over-romantic notions about mental illness, there is some genuine charm in this off-beat love story, and Johnny Depp and Mary Stuart Masterson make the best of their chances as the oddball pair. But the amount of treacle eventually gets out of hand. Jeremiah Chechik directed, from a script by a former circus clown.



Mario (Bob Hoskins, right) and Luigi (John Leguizamo), human versions of *Super Mario Bros.*

You can stay in hiding for **Three of Hearts**, a hollow romantic soufflé centred on a lesbian nurse (Kelly Lynch), her former lover (Sherilyn Fenn) and a male escort (William Baldwin, forever smirking) employed to bring the errant girl back. Judged by its settings, Yurek Bogayevicz's film might be thought naturalistic. But the sights and sounds of Greenwich Village are thrown away on trite plotting and a trio of puppets whose fortunes we could not care tuppence for.

Now for good news: the 17th **Cambridge Film Festival** begins today with John Sayles's agreeable *Passion Fish*. Other British newcomers include Claude Miller's wartime tale *The Accompanist*, *Twist*, an exuberant documentary about the dance craze, and, for the intrepid, Peter Greenaway's chilling *The Baby of Macon*. Explore and enjoy; the Arts Cinema box office number is 0223 352001.

ARTS BRIEFING

Greeks to set off on tour

HERE is yet more evidence of the pull of the ancient Greeks, currently represented by Aristophanes' *Lysistrata* at the Old Vic and Derek Walcott's version of *The Odyssey* at the Pit. Jonathan Kent directs Diana Rigg as Euripides's Medea at the Liverpool Playhouse at the end of September, and then takes his production on a tour likely to end in the West End. For those who missed it at the Almeida last year, it is another chance to catch an award-winning performance.

● FURTHER adventures in hypermedia: CD-i, the CD-based televisual medium which allows the viewer to intervene in the action, continues to expand into the music field. *eScape*, the CD-i from Philips which combines dance music tracks with a blitz of computer visuals, will be shown in a club environment at the Ministry of Sound (103 Gaunt Street, London SE1) tomorrow. Meanwhile, Oscar Music productions claims to have developed the first CD-i to be musically interactive. "Dancing Man" by Digital Nomads is ready for release. Unfortunately, according to Oscar director Paul Sanders, nobody has CD-i hardware, not even Sanders himself. Where do we go from here?

Opinion canvassed

BERLINERS have been rubbing their eyes at what seems like the magical reappearance of their old baroque castle at the end of Unter den Linden. Built in 1706, it was almost destroyed in the Allied air raids, and its ruins were finally pulled down in 1950 to make way for the Marx-Engels Esplanade. But there it stands again on its old site. In fact it has been painted, life-size, on an enormous assemblage of canvases supported by scaffolding. It was produced in France by Catherine Feff, using five tons of paint. In September architects will debate whether the castle should actually be rebuilt.

Last chance . . .

A QUARTER of a century ago, Peter Nichols broke two powerful taboos with *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg*. His subject was the frightful strain within the family of an incurably brain-damaged child, and he chose to present the reaction of people looking after this "human parsnip" in a way that was unnervingly funny. In an ideal world, Lisa Forrell's excellent revival at the King's Head (071-226-1916) in Islington would transfer to a more central London address; unfortunately its final performance is Sunday at 3.30pm.



Colin Nutley: First visited Sweden working for the BBC

Cleaning up in Swedish film

Philip Kemp meets Colin Nutley, the English director of *House of Angels*, a Swedish export success

For British film directors to seek success abroad is nothing new. But from Hitchcock to Ridley Scott and beyond, they have almost invariably headed for Hollywood, where linguistic and cultural barriers are lowest — and financial rewards are highest. Few British film-makers have tried to establish themselves on the European mainland, and none has ever made a go of it. None, that is, until Colin Nutley.

Nutley, born in Wiltshire and now in his mid-forties, started out working in British television. Around 1980, sent to Sweden to shoot scenes for a BBC co-production, he fell in love with the country and the way of life and, in a career move that must at the time have seemed crazy, decided to work there. So far he has completed three Swedish feature films as writer and director. The first two, *Nionde Kompaniet* (*The Ninth Company*) and *Black Jack*, were well received — but the most recent, *Anglagard* (*House of Angels*, reviewed above), is reckoned to be the most popular and profitable Swedish film ever made.

House of Angels is set in a small provincial township disrupted by the arrival of two outsiders: sexy young Fanny and her ponytailed, black-leather boyfriend Zac. The film's irony derives from the way the townsfolk at once see them as a threat, just because they are different — and the way the outsiders, quite unconsciously, act as a catalyst to expose the fault-lines within this complacent, seemingly idyllic society.

The film was shrewdly timed. Shortly before it opened last year, Sweden had experienced outbreaks of xenophobia, mild by German standards, but enough to alarm a nation that sees itself as enlightened and humane. But *House of Angels*' runaway success was not due simply to its topicality. The main reason, Nutley reckons, is that "I am making contemporary films about Sweden today, so people are able to see themselves. And no other director is doing that — or not in an open, accessible way."

> 'Our job is to reach as many people as possible'

Swedish cinema, he believes, suffers from the Curse of Bergman: the assumption that a "good film" must be deadly serious and, preferably, in period costume. There is also a suspicion that quality and audience size are inversely related: the more people a film attracts, the less good it can be. Nutley scorns both attitudes. "You have people making Bergmanesque films without the skill or genius of Bergman, trying to be too clever. As for popularity, many marvellous films have taken big audiences. That's our job as film-makers: to reach as many people as possible. If you want to tell a story to yourself, go and stand in the toilet."

All Nutley's films explore aspects of modern Sweden neglected by its cinema. This, along with Nutley's feel for landscape and national ethos, has caused him to be hailed ironically as "the most Swedish of Swedish directors" and *Chaplin*, their foremost movie magazine, describes him as "the leading cinematic interpreter of modern Swedish society".

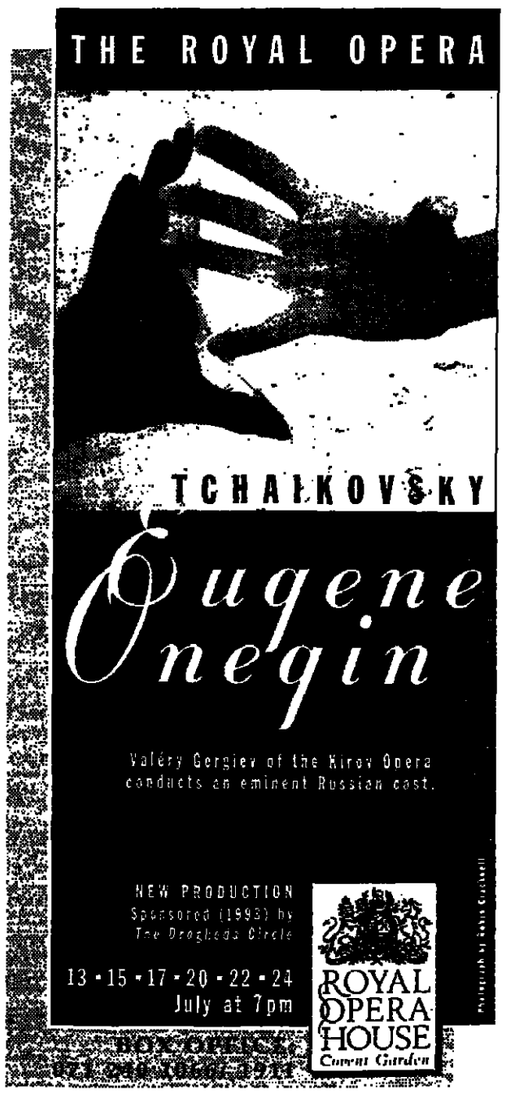
Nutley's preferred mode is social comedy, viewing his adopted country through an outsider's gaze. His attitude to his characters is affectionate, but an undertow of melancholy saves his films from excessive sweetness, and no doubt appeals to the downbeat Swedish temperament.

His style of working, though, is far from typically Swedish, and has raised eyebrows in an industry where scripts are treated with near-religious respect. Nutley writes his scenarios in English without dialogue, which he then improvises with the help of his actors, partly of course to overcome the limitations of his own Swedish, but also because he prefers the results. "I hate cut-and-dried scripts. I like a strong storyline so you know exactly where you're going, but then you sit down with the actors and the dialogue emerges."

So far, *House of Angels* has opened in over a dozen countries and done well in all of them: in Australia it scored a smash hit. Hollywood has taken note: even though the film does not open in America until August, Miramax (now part of Disney) has already bought the script with a view to a US remake. Nutley was invited to direct and co-script, but wisely refused. "If in two years' time it earns money and helps me make another film of my own, then that's great."

Not that Nutley has the least intention of waiting that long to make another film. Indeed his next is under way. *Sista Dansen* (*The Last Dance*), "a study of jealousy to the point of illness", is currently filming in Stockholm, Blackpool and Barbados. After that, he plans a story set partly in Sweden, partly in America — "but very much a Swedish story" — followed by another set on the south coast of England in the late 1950s: an English-language film produced in Sweden.

Few UK-based directors could plan with such confidence, as Nutley is aware: "In Sweden the support that film-makers get is tremendous. I can get funding, I can have meetings with the minister of culture, I can get through fast to the people with power. It's hell in England for film-makers compared to that."



LONDON

ALAN DAVIE: The Scottish painter, now 73, first came to prominence in the Fifties with a series of free-form abstract paintings very much in the more advanced spirit of the times. Since then he has ploughed a solitary furrow, making work which is symbolic rather than abstract, using images drawn from his wide range of interests in esoteric religion, voodoo and Zen Buddhism. This is the first London retrospective since 1958.
Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 4141) Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm, until Sept 5.

ALMEIDA OPERA. *Tonight brings the world premiere of a Julian Grant opera, A Family Affair, based on Ostrovsky's play.* Nicholas Kok conducts, Martin Duncan directs, the cast includes Richard Suart, Geoffrey Dolton and Christine Bunning.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404), 8pm.

THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS
Pirandello's mysterious last play (completed by Charles Wood) on *theatrical illusion and magic. With* Sian Thomas and Desmond Barrit, directed by William Gaskill
National (Cottesloe), South Bank.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

SE1 (071-928 2252) Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens July 14, 7pm, then in repertoire.

MARVIN'S ROOM: Alison Steadman and Phyllis Logan, with Carmel McSharry in an award-winning dark comedy by Scott McPherson: a woman in need calls upon her estranged sister for help.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Previews from tonight, 8pm, opens July 13, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

THE ART ENSEMBLE OF CHICAGO. This longstanding jazz group, featuring saxophonist Roscoe Mitchell and trumpeter Lester Bowie, specialise in lively shows of jazz forged from a wide range of different musical styles. For these gigs they pay tribute to the Chicago blues tradition with help from performers including the harpist Chicago Beau.
Union Chapel, Upper Street, N1 (071-344 4444), 7pm.

REGIONAL

BRISTOL: Andrew Lloyd Webber's longest-running musical, Cats, with lyrics by T S Eliot, begins a nationwide tour in Bristol. Starring Rosemarie Ford, Robin Cousins, Tony Monopoly and Simon Rice.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade (0272 268444). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, until Nov 13.

EDINBURGH: Georgie Fame's recent rhythm 'n' blues albums Cool Cat Blues and The Blues and Me, recorded on Ben Sidran's Go Jazz label, featured the cream of New York's R'n'B players. These American session players are accompanying Fame on this Silk Cut City Jazz tour.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019), 7.30pm.

GLASGOW: Tonight the Glasgow International Jazz Festival brings a visit by the great Chicago bluesman B.B. King (Royal Concert Hall, 8pm). Tomorrow there are performances by the Art Ensemble of Chicago — see listing under London (Fruitmarket, 7pm), and the godfather of Brazilian music, Hermeto Pascoal with his band E Grupo (also Sat, Fruitmarket, 10pm).
Glasgow International Jazz Festival (booking: 041-227 5511).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ALI.** Impressive performance by Geoffrey C. Ewing as Muhammad Ali, old and young: final week.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

◪ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA.** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 195mins.

☐ **BACKSTROKE IN A CROWDED POOL:** Racial violence and animal life in Hounslow: uncertain at times but full of quirky promise.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 120mins.

■ **THE CHANGELING.** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS.** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **COMEDIANS.** Tim McInnerny plays the bitter and rejected comic in a well-staged revival of Trevor Griffiths's play.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 155mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU.** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical Girl Crazy.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS.** A tribute in verse and song to Americans dead from Aids. Self-centred though sometimes poignant.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm. 120mins.

■ **OLEANNA:** David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college: passionate argument, riveting drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER.** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles and Patricia Hodge head a fine cast in a Rattigan revival directed by Peter Hall. Loneliness and bravery in a seaside hotel.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◪ **TRANSLATIONS:** British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◪ **Kiss of the Spider Woman:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ☐ **On The Piste:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information from SWET.

NEW RELEASES

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's Nikita. With Gabriel Byrne, director, John Badham.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031).

THE FENCING MASTER (12): Intrigue, romance and political unrest in 1860s Spain, a modest pleasure from director Pedro Olea. With Omero Antonutti, Assumpta Serna.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards loser drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

◆ **RED ROCK WEST** (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J T. Walsh; director, John Dahl.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

CURRENT

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 9705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

◆ **INNOCENT BLOOD** (15): Camp vampire drama from John Landis, derailed by an excess of gloom and gore. With Anne Parillaud, Anthony LaPaglia.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** ◪ (071-437 1234/497 9999).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ **SAVAGE NIGHTS** (18): A frenzied love story and an HIV-positive hero, based on the film's deceased writer-director-star, Cyril Collard.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant woman (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, oft-beat romance. Tony Bill directs; with Rosie Perez.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631).

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale welcomes Shakespeare back to the West End

For this relief much thanks

Much Ado About Nothing
Queen's, Shaftesbury Ave

HEARING that I was off to see this *Much Ado*, a colleague remarked that it must be the first production of Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue since the Wars of the Roses. As it turned out, he was referring to a revival of the Henry VI plays a few years ago; but my instant assumption, which was that he was nostalgically recalling the good old 1470s, was understandable. Really, it seems that long. Congratulations, then, to Thelma Holt, the producer who has dared to buck the trend and give the West End a revival which, for all its oddities, would disgrace neither of the big national companies.

It was bold, too, to hand the reins to Matthew Warchus, who has been building quite a reputation in the regions but has not yet proved himself in London. For better or worse, the impression his production leaves is of a talented young man in rather too much of a creative hurry. Why does the curtain rise on silhouettes of men bending bows behind the sky-blue tent in which the play is mostly set? That seems a literal-minded way of signalling that Cupid the archer is around.

Why are Don Pedro and his army chums dressed as if they have just stepped off the bridge of the Ark Royal? There I have no explanation. Why is the masked ball, at which Pedro woos Hero for Claudio, turned into a Wild West theme-party, with characters abandoning their Twenties garb to become spoof outlaws and molls doing a square dance?

This could, I suppose, be seen as an attempt to ginger up the play for the West End punters by clever-clever means. Yet the transformation does add passion and celebratory energy to a scene that has proved awfully sedate on our subsidised stages. And that is true of moment after moment in the evening. I have seen the characters played with greater subtlety and explored in more depth; but I have not often found them fresher, more immediate, or funnier.

Take Mark Rylance's Benedick. In some ways it strikes me as an attention-getting idea to play him as a humourless Ulsterman who would have only to do up another couple of buttons to qualify as Arthur Pewty, the archetypal nerd of Monty Python myth. How on earth can Janet McTeer's Beatrice, a smiling modern Amazon, be persuaded to love him, or be impressed that he loves her? Even the servants have trouble finding a flattering word for him. "So — um, er, rare a gentleman," says one, provoking laughs the line was never designed to get.

Yet isn't Rylance an um, er, refreshing change from Jacobi, Allam and the more glamorous Benedicks we usually see? He remains a bachelor mainly because he is plain, awkward, and shy with women. From him, Benedick's famously impossible recipe for a wife — she must be mild or she can't come near him — is nervous, defensive rhetoric. It might be supposed that this would rob his scenes with Beatrice of comedy; but the opposite is the case.

When Rylance emerges from the bower from within which he has been absorbing disinformation about her love for him, and, drenched by a mischievously aimed watering can, starts to smile and bleat at a Beatrice who is boorishly stuffing her mouth with a banana — well, I haven't laughed so much since a baleful Judi Dench collided with a crotchety Donald Sinden. Even their love scenes prove more touching than might be expected, given McTeer's refusal to suggest vulnerability within.

There are also lively supporting performances, notably from Jack Ellis (Don Pedro), Jonathan Newth (Leonato), and Gerard Kelly as a Dogberry ineptly gloating and posturing from inside a badly fitting brown suit. The result is not a classic *Much Ado*. But there were times when I felt that not being a classic was what was right about it.



Dogberry (Gerard Kelly, left), Beatrice (Janet McTeer) and Benedick (Mark Rylance) at Queen's Theatre. Drawing by Bill Hewison

Bedevilled wanderer

The Terrible Voice of Satan
Royal Court Theatre Upstairs

SATAN tells the truth, this is why his voice is terrible, or so the hero, Tom Doheny, is told in Gregory Motton's odd new play. As Tom wanders on the seashore, beside the bog, by ditches and in the pubs of Camden, his resentful mates treat him as a holy genius. To the girl who runs past him in a red cotton dress, and to her successor riding into view on a bicycle (and stabbing his thigh with her penknife), he is poet, doctor, media star and friend of cardinals.

It may be that Tom is trying to tell a deeper truth than what our eyes observe for us. Though he lives in England, visits Ireland and journeys beneath the waves, guest of the Undersea Emperor, the country he chiefly inhabits — and perhaps never moves out of — is his own dreaming mind.

Like an Irish Peer Gynt, he leaves his girls behind him, encounters a mythical creature (a talking phoenix), and after disconcerting adventures with the IRA, in a mad courtroom and high in the rigging of a sailing ship (the phoenix now hanging from his neck), he returns to find one of his loves grown old and bent. Unlike Solveig, she fails to recognise him immediately, but soon, this being the 1990s, is ready to hitch her skirt up for him before deciding the game's not worth the candle.

Some scenes are brief, no more than a comment and a response, which militates against the development of character. What Tom is shown seeing and hearing is not assembled into a sequence of understanding, though something like a statement comes near the end from the jaundiced doctor (Michael O'Connor) when he speaks of a balloon trip: his pessimistic belief is that the more you throw out, the lower it sinks.

Motton does not offer any rosier view of life than this, except insofar as his vivid use of words gives delight. James Macdonald's production, presented in association with the Royal National Theatre Studio, draws performances of dream-like abruptness from his cast. He and the designer, Bunny Christie, also play amusing tricks: in one scene Tom and the Emperor (Sean Murray, Denys Hawthorne) go stepping through dangling weeds and rotating goldfish. A cascade of ideas is present here, in writing and staging, and that's good news. But the ideas are still inchoate.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT PREMIERE

Unconventional cello

NO composer writing a concerto for Moray Welsh, and knowing the cellist as well as David Blake does, would offer him a conventionally heroic solo part. He is not that kind of musician. From the beautiful opening bars, where the cello emerges on an expressive line out of dark percussion and piano colours, Blake's new Cello Concerto postulates a close alliance between soloist and orchestra.

But the melodic interest passes almost immediately to the orchestral violins. Then a solo violin occupies the attention. An abrupt change of subject features the brass, to which the cellist has little to say. Indeed, even before the middle of the work, where the woodwind have jolky material from Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra, the soloist is reticent to a fault.

The ear needs a focal point: not unnaturally looking to the cello to provide it, the ear tends to be frustrated. The last movement, a series of variations, retrieves the situation, partly through the weight of the bass-line theme itself and partly through such intriguing episodes as a conversation in pizzicato between the cello and a solo double bass. Finally, the soloist is left alone in a Schnittke-like ending, quietly muttering a fragment of one of the basic ideas.

This premiere, given by Welsh with Alexander Lazarev and the BBC Symphony Orchestra in Cheltenham Town Hall, was unsympathetically presented between music from two crushing ballet scores. Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* and Stravinsky's *Firebird* would between them have squeezed the blood out of all but the most robust of string concertos.

GERALD LARNER

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Andrew Gibbon Williams on the uncompromising work of the young Glasgow painter Peter Howson



Age of Apathy, 1992: "There's the wall coming down," Howson says, "the end of communism, fascists coming out of the woodwork — and in control." His view of the new international order is pessimistic

Visions coloured by everyday violence

Glasgow's recent "knife amnesty", which succeeded in retrieving an astonishing number of assorted blades and even machetes from the city's streets, was a sobering reminder that Scotland's most populous city is still a rough place. Three years after the ruthless public relations campaign that promoted Glasgow as a City of Culture, the underbelly of life there remains as ugly as ever.

Social horrors, however, can spawn creativity, and the Glasgow most Glaswegians would prefer to ignore is very much the theme underlying a large retrospective of paintings and drawings by Peter Howson which has just opened at the McLellan Galleries. Here, Howson's Heroic Dosser — a now-famous image of belligerent fortitude which has come to symbolise the revival of figurative art in Scotland during the 1980s — has been joined by an army of hollow-eyed no-hopers and muscle-bound thugs. In one picture a Nazi-saluting mob surrounds a crucifixion, while in another a trio of overweight drabs stand meekly before a lurid city-scape. In Howson's world, Hieronymous Bosch meets *The Bill*.

This, of course, is no literal transcription of Glaswegian street life. Rather it is an artist's imaginative and highly charged caricature of what many might identify as a general degeneracy in British society. Nevertheless, only an artist with his artistic roots in Glasgow could have made it — if for no other reason than that since the war the Glasgow School of Art, virtually alone among British art colleges, has provided the traditional training which allows artists to invent convincing figure compositions.

Howson, 35, is one of a generation of Glasgow students — his confrères include those other reapers of the art world's glittering prizes, Steven Campbell and Ken Currie — taken under the wing of Sandy Moffat, a figurative artist who, along with his contemporary John Bellany, had kept the standard of realism flying amid the squalls of Abstraction, Pop and installation art in the 1960s and 1970s. When Howson and his ilk showed an inclination to turn to artists as diverse as Breughel, Géricault, Goya and Max Beckmann for inspiration, they were encouraged to "go for it".

In Howson's case this has resulted in a confident, mature style of expressive figuration: while the brutish characters in such unholy dramas as the *Blind Leading the Blind* series are described with the sinewy precision of Otto Dix, their gloomy urban settings might have come from the brushes of the contemporary German artists, Anselm Kiefer or Rainer Fetting, with whom several of the young Glaswegian artists have much in common.

Howson's most recent, energetically rough-and-tumble, compositions pay homage primarily to Breughel. Such shameless eclecticism, of course, has become the rule rather than the exception among young artists over the past 20 years. With Howson, it is underpinned by a graphic skill which permits him to exaggerate and distort form at will.

Howson's newest canvases, although generally on a smaller scale than his epic earlier work, are more complex in terms of composition and more mysterious in terms of subject-matter, and in these it would be perverse not to try to discern precise meaning. In *Age of Apathy*, for example, one section of a grotesque and angry mob chants and riots in the foreground, while in the distance another, beside a row of crucified victims, is storming the Berlin Wall. "There's the wall coming down," Howson is quoted as saying, "the end of communism, the fascists coming out of the woodwork — and in control." Howson's vision of the new international order is anything but an optimistic one.

Considering the individualism evident in Howson's art, it would of course be surprising if something of a cult had not grown up around the artist himself. Howson's career to date already contains several ingredients the forgers of art legends will find useful. He took a year out of art college and signed up with the Royal Highland Fusiliers, for example, an experience to which much of the sadism in his pictures is directly related. Collectors of Howson's work include Bob Geldof, Sylvester Stallone and Madonna.

In the past month *The Times*'s sponsorship of Howson as Britain's war artist in Bosnia has provided yet more material. Not surprisingly, the artist was physically shattered by the experience and left a week earlier than planned. "War Artist Flees War" ran the *Scottish Daily Record*'s headline. The newspaper later apologised.

● Peter Howson: A Retrospective *is at the McLellan Galleries, 270 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041-331 1854) until September 5. The first fruits of his time in Bosnia can be seen in* The Times Magazine *this Saturday.*

RADIO REVIEW

Ahead by a nose

Smell and taste are the reigning senses on Radio 4 at the moment. A new series, **The Joy of Smelling** (Wednesdays), introduced us to Dr George Dodd, whose smell laboratory at Warwick University has even been used in a court case to prove that a crew-member on a smuggler's boat had not got the right kind of nose to detect the cannabis on board.

The interviewer on the programme, Michael Collie, found that he could not smell the honeysuckle in his garden, though he could smell the roses. Dodd came up with the explanation. The particles that float off things and are registered by us as their smell are of different shapes — oblongs, triangles — and they enter our system through minute holes of the same shape inside our heads. Sometimes, for genetic or other reasons, we lack some of the holes — and then we cannot detect the flowers or the pot or whatever it might be.

Dodd cannot actually bore any missing holes for us, but he is a sort of olfactory missionary who wants us to enjoy our noses more. He urged us to sniff the mortar in old mosques, in which the musk that was mixed in hundreds of years ago can still be detected. He has an excellent sense of smell himself.

Unfortunately he can also smell what he does not want to. After living in a vegetarian community in India for two months, he was assailed by the whiff of putrefying meat on everybody's breath when he arrived back at Heathrow.

No such disagreeable aspect of our eating came up on the relentlessly light-hearted food quiz, **Questions of Taste**, which started a new series on Monday. There were a few good remarks, but the chefs and gastronomic experts in the competing teams were trying far too hard to make a winning impression, with Oz Clarke repeatedly joking about his boozing, for example. There was also a lot of piqued vanity around when they got lower scores than their rivals.

It was much more comfortable sitting in the kitchen with Michael and Hilary Thompson early on Sunday morning in **On Your Farm**. I like these Sunday breakfasts on different farms, though I am never sure whether the rattle of teacups is not added later by the sound-effects people. This couple grow raspberries near Blairgowrie in Perthshire — "the raspberry capital of Scotland" — and Michael has just got the majority of Scottish soft fruit growers organised into a marketing co-operative.

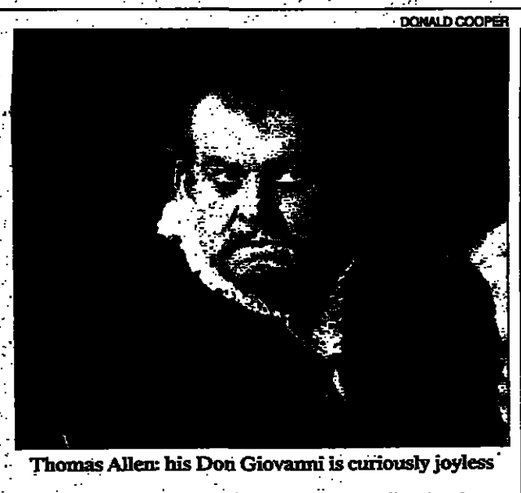
He offered the presenter, Oliver Walston, a taste of their own raspberry jam — and we heard (or thought we heard) Walston munching away at a thick slice of it, and saying it was the best he had ever tasted. What was the secret? The Thompsons just put pectin, caster sugar and lemon juice with the fruit, and leave it for several months in the freezer. Amazing news for all those jam-makers who hover desperately over the saucepan, and still let it burn.

DEREWENT MAY

OPERA: a sombre *dramma giocoso*

In need of a lighter touch

Don Giovanni
Covent Garden



DONALD COOPER

Thomas Allen: his Don Giovanni is curiously joyless

This *Don Giovanni* revival brings back several of the original cast of Johannes Schaaf's production, first seen a year and a half ago. Their return should make them eligible for some kind of gallantry medal. Schaaf's view of Mozart tends to the sombre and it was never more sombre than in his *Don Giovanni*. Indeed, for most of Act I it is downright black.

In the gloom Thomas Allen and Claudio Desderi remain as Giovanni and Leporello. Allen plays Mozart's rake as a curiously joyless figure, sullen and devoid of charm. When Giovanni indulges in a little dance across the stage before starting the Serenade it is right out of character. The song itself found Allen in dry voice, but he came into his own during the final tussle against the Commendatore (Robert Lloyd in majestic form).

At this point the production perks up, with Giovanni's last supper laid out on the naked torso of an auburn beauty — a dainty dish to set before a libertine. Desderi too has a chance at last to show his comic gifts, otherwise suppressed for much of the evening. He uses his baritone with care nowadays, but there are few more expert Leporellos. The male cast is completed by a sympathetic Masetto (Bruno Caproni) and a boyish Ottavio, sung with limpid grace by Hans Peter Blochwitz.

The ladies have changed. Karita Mattila switches from Elvira to Anna; not a move for the better. A couple of months ago Mattila swept through the house as Musetta in *Bohème*, but Anna is a different and far tougher proposition. So much concentration was needed to produce the notes that no positive character emerged. Ann Murray was much more successful with Elvira once she had controlled a little shrillness. "Mi tradi", made into an aria of desperation with Elvira garlanding her hair like Ophelia, was outstanding. Angela Gheorghiu's Zerlina was equally well-studied and sweetly sung.

Bernard Haitink in the pit seemed to realise that it was up to him and the orchestra to provide the drama in such short supply on stage. His view of the overture was stern, almost apocalyptic. The playing was always muscular, but lacked humour. *Don Giovanni* is, after all, a *dramma giocoso*, although no one, including the revival director Hans-Werner Pollock, wanted to admit that.

JOHN HIGGINS

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss** on a well-plotted thriller

Relative values on trial

At the heart of Tony Bicat's highly competent two-part thriller **An Exchange of Fire** (Channel 4) was the breakdown of platitudes experienced by a fashionable British right-wing academic (you know the type) when he finds himself personally affected by terrorism. Played by James Fleet, Michael Shanks was the sort of morally secure chap who lives in a nice London house, subscribes to Bupa, has a nice daughter studying for A-levels (wife dead, did they say, from a road accident?) and writes lordly essays in The *Spectator* and the *Daily Mail* about law and order, the failure of immigration, the collapse of the Evil Empire, and the Way To Treat Terrorists. But then, in the first five minutes of the film, his daughter is abducted (oh no) by swarthy Slovakians, mistaking her for Olga Slajek, 17-year-old daughter of the Czech president. And to his considerable alarm, he finds he will sacrifice any principle to get her back.

I say this story-line was "at the heart" of the film, because I assume it was Bicat's starting-point, the initial "what if?" that inspired the rest. In the event, however, Shanks's personal crisis of values somehow fought for attention, and not only because Fleet played him as a thin, shrugging chap in a nondescript woolly without the necessary arrogance to pull it off (the role, not the jumper). No, the remarkable thing about *An Exchange of Fire* was its meticulous even-handedness, giving every character precisely its fair share of attention; Bicat, in an access of authorial generosity, had supplied Shanks-like motivations and crises of conscience to virtually every Tom, Dick and Havel in the plot.

Take the Czech photographer, Oskar Karel (Ion Caramitru). Like all photographers, Oskar is an opportunist by nature, but his personal history — leaving for England in 1968, and only returning once, for a magazine story, in 1975 — means he has elevated opportunism to a personal creed. Basically this man is a sleazeball. He cynically engineers the exchange between Shanks's daughter and the idealistic Olga (Clare Woodgate).

Oskar's own crisis of conscience is occasioned by the only non-surprise in the piece: Olga turns out to be his daughter. You knew it already, of course. That one-off trip to Prague in 1975 was mentioned slightly too often, and the viewer couldn't help dusting the cobwebs off the mental abacus and working it out. But again, this didn't spoil everything. *An Exchange of Fire* was not the most exciting thriller ever shown on television. But as an example of a tight, well-made plot set in the real world, fine direction (also by Bicat), good cinematic moments, and strong ensemble acting (Frank Finlay, as the terrorists' mastermind, the biggest star) it stood out by miles from the usual run of daft, holey thriller stuff. I just hope the Slovakians don't take offence. I know I would.

DANCE: a case of Rimbaud II?

Inspiration sets poetry in motion

Les Illuminations
The Place

Is it coincidence or the spirit of the times that brings the life of Arthur Rimbaud simultaneously as the inspiration of new works in two of London's liveliest small theatres? While Kevin Volans's opera is playing at the Almeida, here is Richard Alston's ballet at the Place, set to Britten's song cycle taken from the young poet's *Les Illuminations*.

But if Alston had the possibility of comparisons in mind when choosing this subject, he would have thought of Ashton's ballet to the same score; even though that has been, disgracefully, far too long absent from the Royal Ballet's repertoire, it is a question of once seen, never forgotten.

Alston took another risk too, in making this — his first choreography in Britain since leaving Rambert Dance Company — for a student cast at London Contemporary Dance School's summer performances.

However, Alston also had one big advantage. Ashton felt obliged, when creating his *Illuminations* 40 years ago, to represent Rimbaud's love affair with Paul Verlaine metaphorically through characters called Profane Love and Sacred Love, both danced by women. Alston can have Rimbaud (Arthur Pita) fall supine over the knee of Verlaine (Martin Bowes) at the end of the song called "Phrase", then dance a love duet with him to "Antique".

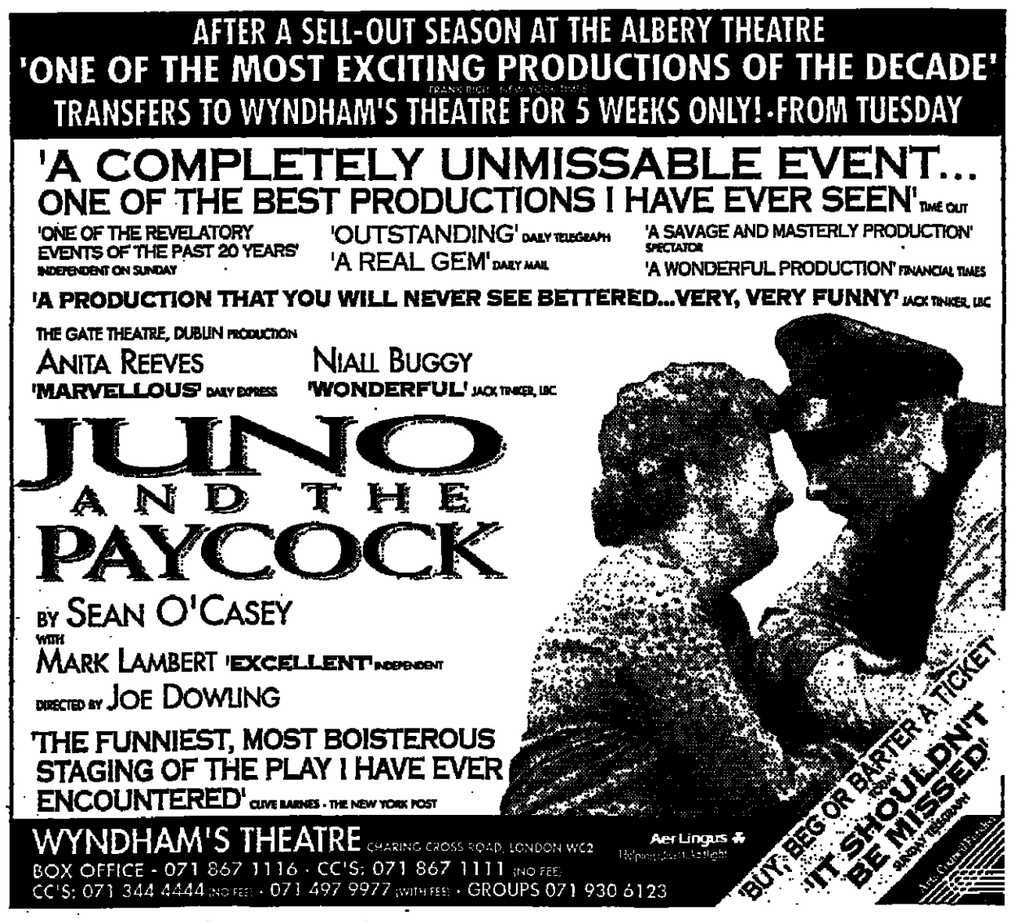
In this they are joined, at the end, by a male-female couple (James Barnard and Mia Keinanen), perhaps to point up the naturalness of their movements. The episode where Alston does let metaphor command the action is in "Being Beauteous", where Verlaine begins by bringing the beauteous being (Karen Woo, in red drapery and dark eye shades) to Rimbaud, like a gift of inspiration, and ends by lifting Rimbaud onto his shoulder in the same pose.

With that one exception, the dancers are all dressed much alike: inevitable, perhaps, when using a small cast for all the roles, but I had a feeling that more definite identification might have clarified his purposes. The ballet marks a change in choreographic style from anything else Alston has done recently, and it would be good to see him develop it.

Alston's controlled, sure professionalism of structure contrasts, unfortunately, with the rest of the programme: four short, hopeful but insubstantial pieces by students, two longer, agitated and waffling works by one of their teachers and a young former graduate. Even more unfortunately, diversity rather than quality seems to be the Arts Council's criterion for funding dance nowadays, so perhaps somebody was happy about this.

JOHN PERCIVAL





The Prague Spring was always doomed, writes **William Shawcross**, but Dubček the loyal communist was too naive to understand

Harbinger of false hopes

Alexander Dubček is a key but sad figure in the collapse of communism and in European history. Last year he died after suffering awful injuries in a car crash, which is still being investigated in Prague. Praising Dubček shortly before his own death in 1989, Andrei Sakharov wrote: "1968 influenced my own destiny. The spring brought hope. It encouraged me to work on my *Reflections*. The invasion destroyed my illusions and spurred my public activity. The same was true for many of my friends. The handful of Soviet dissidents drew from the Prague Spring the strength they needed to carry on a tough battle for many years, with glasnost their only weapon."

Dubček's memoir reflects his own naivety. Perhaps the best part of it is his description of his parents' restless communist ideals and of the extraordinary odyssey they all made to the young Soviet Union. They had a truly horrible time founding and living on a co-operative in Kirghizia, until they moved to Gorky. They only returned to Slovakia in 1938 when Dubček was 17.

He then joined the illegal Slovak communist party, largely for nationalist reasons. His account of

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with Jiri Hochman
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the party's seizure of power in 1948 is quite inadequate. So is all his description of Stalinism. Soon afterwards, he became a full-time party official, giving up a well-paid factory job, because the party "was the embodiment of what I believed in". He said that, at first, "I encountered no episodes of official political or economic persecution. I do not even remember knowing anyone in my district who was arrested."

In the mid-fifties he was sent to the party's Higher Political School in Moscow where, he says, he began to wonder whether Lenin really fulfilled Marx. But Lenin was still a god in the Soviet Union and he could not possibly raise any questions. "I think my problem was I believed in socialism no matter what. It was, after all, my heritage." On his return from Moscow, he rose with a reputation for reasonableness through the ranks of Slovak communism, despite constant sniping or worse from the federal party leader, Antonin Novotny, whom he finally replaced at the end of 1967.



Comrades: Dubček greets Kosygin and Brezhnev in 1968

He then embarked on the optimistic programme of reform which came to be known as Prague Spring. With its return to freedom of the press and legalisation of small-scale private enterprise, it drove the Soviets crazy — even though, as Dubček points out, there was not even a hint at multiparty democracy.

Nonetheless, the Soviets were undoubtedly right that the liberties allowed by Dubček would have set Czechoslovakia on an unstoppable course towards what they called "bourgeois democracy". There was no uncorking of the bottle of eastern Europe without uncontrolled effervescence, as the events since 1989 have shown. Dubček himself never understood that.

His account of the Soviet invasion is moving and gripping. He is particularly bitter about the role of Janos Kadar, the Hungarian leader who never gave him any hint of what was planned, though he asked to meet him shortly before the invasion. Dubček acknowledges that he was naive to have been so shocked by it.

He and his colleagues have often been criticised for not encouraging the Czechoslovak people to resist the invasion. It would have been utterly outside his ken to have attacked the Soviet Union. But he also regarded it as fruitless: "Our defences were directed towards the western border to ward off an attack from Bavarian territory. An order to resist would only result in local fighting and that would justify Soviet accusations about an organised 'counter-revolution'."

His story of the horrors of incarceration by the Russians and then of being dragged to the Kremlin, to be harangued, bullied and threatened by the Soviet leadership is pretty gruesome. What a gang of thugs! Until the last minute Dubček refused to sign the protocol accepting the invasion that the Soviets imposed.

Dubček would have been much better to hold out, like Frantisek Kriegel, the only Czech leader who was resolute. For his stubbornness — and, apparently, because he was a Jew — the Soviets tried to keep Kriegel behind when the others were sent back to Prague. He would presumably have been killed, had his colleagues not refused to leave without him. Would that they had also refused to do anything else.

The protocol led directly to the total collapse of all the programmes of Prague Spring and 21 years of awful, dead "normalisation". Dubček became a non-person. Many others, including Václav Havel, were imprisoned for their belief in democracy. Dubček kept his head down. But in November 1989 came that shining hour when he got off a bus from Bratislava and stood beside Havel on a balcony overlooking Wenceslas Square, to the overjoyed cheers of hundreds of thousands of people.

The collapse of east European communism was caused by the liberalisation of Gorbachev. His spokesman was asked what was the difference between him and Dubček and he replied: "Twenty years." That was right. The Gorbachev period proved that Brezhnev was right. It was impossible to have half-hearted reforms of east European communism. The whole thing had to be swept away. Had the Russians not stopped Dubček in 1968, party power in Czechoslovakia would have ended and the contagion would have spread through the bloc. Tremendous problems would have emerged, as they have done since 1989. But 20 years would have been saved.

William Shawcross is the author of Dubček (*Hogarth Press*).

Portrait of the artist as Renaissance man

Bruce Boucher admires a study of a seminal painting which questions the nature of art and identity

Few works of art, potent in themselves and influential on later artists, have defined watersheds in cultural history. Picasso's *Demoiselles d'Avignon* is one of them, Bernini's *St Theresa* another; and it is to this exclusive group that Albrecht Dürer's great *Self-Portrait* in Munich belongs.

A riveting, almost iconic work, it displays the artist full face, emerging from a darkened background to confront us with unblinking omniscience. The artist's face is framed by rivulets of elaborately curled hair, and his clothes are luxurious but understated. Dürer's raised hand ostentatiously fingers a rich fur collar as if to distance the image from any hint of manual labour. Its perfect symmetry is heightened by chronology, for the painting was fashioned at the mid-point of Dürer's life and at the start of a new era: 1500.

The *Self-Portrait* is a work that makes extravagant claims for its creator, but was one of many self-studies dating back to Dürer's childhood and continuing throughout his career. Though earlier artists like Jan van Eyck and Jean Fouquet left behind putative self-portraits, Dürer exploited the medium as a means of probing his own identity, much as Rembrandt would do over a century later. Modern scholars have interpreted Dürer's self-portraits as marking the origins of the German Renaissance even the inception of the modern concept of self.

Joseph Koerner returns to this theme in this rich and splendid book. He aims to shift the nature of enquiry away from the 19th-century notion of the Renaissance as the discovery of the individual, towards the invention of the artistic persona through what he calls a pact between painter and spectator. Following modern reception theory, Koerner expands the concept of self-portraiture, stating that "the meaning of self-portraiture emerges in retrospect, through successive acts of reception, interpretation, and revision, and that the suitable historical contexts in which to set Dürer's project might emerge only at the end of the tradition it initiates."

The result is mildly deconstructionist, although the author is too good a scholar to lose sight of the artefact and his text is mercifully free from the critical newspeak that often masquerades as profound thought. Instead, he presents the reader with an absorbing account of the Munich painting as the centre of a debate on the nature of art and identity, enacted by Dürer and followers like Hans Baldung. Koerner succeeds because he combines a deep familiarity with German Renaissance art and contemporary sources together with the full panoply of post-modern literary criticism, and he adroitly deploys traditional and current critical theories to illuminate each other, rendering a convincing account of why Dürer painted such an audacious image.

THE MOMENT OF SELF-PORTRAITURE IN GERMAN RENAISSANCE ART
By Joseph Leo Koerner
Chicago University Press, £47.95

The Munich portrait's affinity with icons of Christ has long been noted and was undoubtedly intentional on Dürer's part, for he altered the colour of his hair and size of his eyes to heighten its effect. The message was also understood by near contemporaries like Georg Vischer, who employed Dürer as the model for Christ in a painting of 1637.

If it now seems surprising that such invocations of the divine did not provoke charges of blasphemy, the explanation lies in the Renaissance's anthropocentric view of the world. If God had created man in his own image, then man must imagine God in his own, whether Michelangelo on the Sistine ceiling or Jan van Eyck's image of the Holy Face, the prototype adopted by Dürer in the *Self-Portrait*.

The allusion, as Koerner argues, was only present by analogy, and Dürer seized upon the image of Christ, the universal man, as the perfect vehicle for a portraiture transcending the individual to make a larger statement about the nature of art. Where earlier writers had compared God to an artist, Dürer was the first to see creativity as the province of powerful artists, "*gewaltzsamen Kunstler*".

After the Munich panel, Dürer turned from formal self-portraiture towards the nude as representative image of humanity. In his search for the ideal canon of human proportion the artist subscribed to the neo-platonic belief that the perfect human form could only be assembled from the imperfect example of humanity after its fall from grace. There was, however, a dark side to this optimistic endeavour. After the Fall, Adam and Eve experienced decline, decay, and death, and in the work of Dürer's younger contemporary, Hans Baldung, one finds an inversion of this neo-platonic ideal. Baldung's extraordinary studies of death or contorting witches were a travesty of normative aesthetics as well as a personal response to Dürer's example. Deriving from the tradition of the grotesque and marginal illuminations on medieval manuscripts, Baldung's art actually dealt, in Koerner's view, with the activity of viewing and interpreting works of art in the "fallen" world of pre-Reformation Germany.

Joseph Koerner's book is a dazzling display of scholarship, enfolding Dürer's artistic achievement within the broader issues of self and salvation, and like the great *Self-Portrait* it holds up a mirror to the modern fable of identity.



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The Munich self-portrait: Dürer altered his hair colour and the size of his eyes to increase the resemblance to Christ

The revolution that forgot the Fatherland

Anne McElvoy

WE WERE THE PEOPLE
Voices from East Germany's revolutionary autumn
By Dirk Philipsen
Academic and University Publishers, £16.95 pbk original

WHAT REMAINS
and other stories
By Christa Wolf
Virago, £8.99 pbk original

THE WRITER'S DIMENSION
Selected Essays
By Christa Wolf
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Now that East Germany is reduced, in Stefan Heym's phrase, to the status of "a footnote in the world history", where should we start to look when we want to remember how it was and what was wrong — and occasionally right — with it?

I had hoped that Dirk Philipsen's account of the opposition movement would be as good a place as any; but his attempt, although well researched and groaning with footnotes, proved extremely irritating. In his breathless admiration for the dissidents, Philipsen is as blinkered as the regime was in its contempt for them or the Bonn technocrats in their condescension. This is a shame, for his basic idea is a good one: what the Germans would call a *Spurensuche* (search for traces), revisiting the past through the testimony of people who made the collapse of the Berlin Wall possible and charting their response to the unification which followed.

Most of the main players are here: the charming, disingenuous "reform communist" Hans Modrow; New Forum's brave, lachrymose Bärbel Bohley; and the pragmatic priest Rainer Eppelmann, who had more foresight than most politicians, east or west, in grasping that what began with lighted candles would end in a reunified Germany.

Unfortunately the author dons a pair of rose-tinted spectacles before visiting these ephemeral figures and unquestioningly accepts their account of the events of that fateful autumn. Philipsen has no doubt that the unification of the two Germanies was a takeover, but fails to ask why the dissidents — who provided the only source of moral authority by November 1989 — failed to exert more influence over the process and why the people acquiesced so readily.

Here he falls into the sort of primitive communist reasoning even Modrow came to realise was simplistic: that the federal republic was waiting to pounce on the merest hint of weakness in the east to conquer it. In fact Bonn, mired in the illusion that dual-statehood was a long-term reality, was as stunned by the emergence of a million demonstrators in East Berlin on November 4 as the communist leadership. Helmut Kohl's response to the fall of the Wall was a cumbersome ten-point plan for eventual unification (no date envisaged), to be reached via federation, confederation and a welter of treaties. It was only in late December when he visited Dresden to be greeted by a sea of banners reading "Helmut, rescue us" and "Germany One Fatherland" that he saw the gaping window of opportunity and moved to unite the two.

The real question is why the opposition failed to act to secure their vision of a reformed but still separate East Germany in the time in between. With the benefit of hindsight, they could probably not have held up unification for long; but they could have exerted greater influence over the merger and the failure to do so was theirs alone.

Philipsen gives too much attention and credibility to the reform communists — whose keenness to change the status quo was much more eloquently expressed after it had changed than before — and too little to dissenting voices. He misses out Jens Reich, the most intelligent New Forum figure, who came to despair of the endless round tables and searches for alternative solutions to the crisis, and concluded that the fundamental weaknesses of the movement were its self-indulgent moralising, coupled with a fear of power rooted in the culture of opposition. The author also falls into the intelligentsia's trap of believing that it enjoyed mass support. It did not; nor, to its detriment, did it ever seriously try to earn it.

Turning to Christa Wolf after this was a huge relief. Her novels are infused with the ineffable sadness that haunted the east, with the dreams of a generation which sought to atone for fascism with state socialism and came, too late, to realise that they had exchanged the brown dictatorship for a red one. *What Remains*, the story of her own surveillance by the Stasi, has been lambasted by West German critics as a cowardly retrospective exposure of the injustice, paranoia and deceit which lurked behind the grand declarations of a "better Germany".

Wolf is no heroine. She wrote the book in 1979, but published it only after the fall of the regime. Nonetheless, this is a worthwhile exploration of the hesitation of the east's intellectuals to identify and challenge oppression. It is beautifully written, a tense and melancholy account of a believer brutally confronted with the falseness of her idol. "One day," the story concludes, "I will be able to speak easily and freely, I thought. It is too soon, but it won't always be too soon." The problem for her, as for the dissidents, was that by the time her "soon" had come, it was already too late.

The Writer's Dimension, a collection of Wolf's speeches, literary theory and essays, shows off the scope of her writing to the full. The collection is an exemplary reminder that the European essay is not really dead: just not published very often. There are multifarious reflections on the significance of reading and writing, such as her exploration of the links between personal identity and literary heritage; fine pieces of research on the neglected authors Karoline von Günderrode and Ingeborg Bachmann; and a stirring exegesis of the young revolutionary playwright, Georg Büchner.

The final essay "Postscript to an Autumn" is a haunting reflection on transition, a moment caught and illuminated: "What were changes are already changes again ... it is time to stand on the solid ground of facts. Only the ground we stand on is in a different country." Reading that, I remembered what it was really like, once upon a time in the east.

Anne McElvoy's updated book on East Germany, The Saddled Cow *(Faber), is now in paperback.*

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The indiscreet charms of an enfant terrible

John Weightman on the picaresque life of a vagabond, thief and male prostitute whose writing took the Left Bank by storm



Jean Genet: such was his literary success that the French president granted him a pardon for his misdeeds

Jean Genet may or may not have been the greatest French writer since Proust, as Edmund White implies, but he certainly had an extraordinary life, and one as wildly picaresque as Proust's was sedentary and uneventful. In his 76 years he covered a vast range of ground. After his childhood as a parentless bastard with a foster family in a country village, he was never again in any one place for very long.

His adolescence and early manhood were spent partly as an intermittent volunteer in the French colonial army (something of which he was later rather ashamed), and partly as a vagabond, petty thief and homosexual prostitute, not only in France but all over Europe from Spain to Poland. During this time, he was constantly in and out of the reformatories and prisons he was later to celebrate in his writings.

Then, during the Occupation and around the age of 30, he achieved immediate success in Paris with his semi-autobiographical text, *Notre Dame des Fleurs*, which caused a tremendous flutter in the dovecotes even before publication. *Le Miracle de la Rose* and *Querelle* confirmed his notoriety, and he was treated with respect by a roll-call of stars, including Sartre, Barthes, Giacometti, Boulez and Derrida. Sartre and Derrida each wrote a whole book about him, thus paying him a compliment never before bestowed on any French writer by two famous contemporaries.

Under pressure from the artistic community, the president of the Republic granted him a general pardon for his past misdeeds. His plays, *Les Bonnes*, *Les Nègres* and *Le Balcon* were a sensational part of the theatrical revival of the sixties and brought him worldwide fame and a considerable income.

In later life, when his initial inspiration began to flag, he espoused minority political causes — the Black Panthers, the PLO, the Baader-Meinhof gang, the Japanese student movement — and travelled the world in their support. And, at every stage, he formed innumerable sexual relationships, two or three of which ran concurrently for years and constituted his international "family", which he subsidised without stint.

Edmund White, being himself a homosexual writer, is sympathetic to his subject, but he gives us Genet, warts and all. This is not a

GENET
By Edmund White
Chatto & Windus, £25

simple case of a poor orphan, ill-treated in childhood and then fighting imaginatively for the oppressed during the rest of his life.

In fact, Genet's foster family treated him affectionately as one of their own. He did well at school, and he might have gone on to enjoy a normal, prosperous career like Cullafroy, another intelligent orphan from the same village, and whose name he borrowed for one of his imagined characters, simplifying the spelling for the sake of a pun (Culafroy, i.e. *cul à froid* or "cold-arse"). Some genetic cause, possibly his homosexuality of which he was conscious from the age of eight, made him a natural misfit, who fell foul of society again and again with a sort of dogged insistence.

To gain admittance to the literary world, he fawned briefly on Gide without success, and then on Cocteau, who was bowled over. But, once established, "female" homosexual though he might be, Genet was his own man, making no concessions to the usual career moves or to respectability. In his good moods, he must have displayed almost hypnotic charm to win the friendship of so many different and eminent people. However, his total self-absorption and touchiness led inevitably to quarrels. He robbed his benefactors ("they would be disappointed if I didn't steal from them"). Staying with married friends, he liked to get into bed with them in the mornings and read aloud the pages he had written during the night, a practice they apparently tolerated. He had no sense of loyalty to publishers, agents or the groupie ladies who mothered him devotedly. In short, he was a grown-up *enfant terrible*.

About the value of the works as distinct from the life, White conveys a much less definite impression, sometimes referring to them as masterpieces and sometimes implying reservations which are not explicitly developed. Although the plays are "great", he thinks the novels are better, and he praises their fluid, "cinematographic" style of composition.

An important point that he does not make is that Genet's immediate and resounding success in Parisian intellectual circles is probably to be explained by the fact that, through some fluke, he happens to be the perfect embodiment or culmination of that subversive, abnormal, anti-bourgeois strain which has been a constant feature in French culture since at least the 19th century. One almost feels that if God had not created him, Sartre would have been obliged to invent him.

Then, of course, it is a sort of literary miracle that a lower-class vagrant should have acquired such a command of the high literary language of France and should have used it with such originality to conjure up an anti-world, peopled by inverts, criminals and murderers, mock-heroically transfigured into ladies, knights and heroes.

The ruminative prose texts in which he does this strike me as being much more authentic than the plays, with their aggressive and confused public rituals. Unfortunately, in what White calls the "cinematographic" fluidity of the novels, I can see only a rich verbal flux, sadly devoid of any overall literary structure. However, at intervals in its tinselly tragi-comedy, there are unforgettable moments of obscene lyricism. At his best, Genet has the gift of making sex and its demotic vocabulary truly poetic, as few other pornographers manage to do. He may not be the greatest writer since Proust, but he has his special and superior place in the erotic canon.

Blind eye to a final solution

Julia Neuberger

BRITISH JEWRY AND THE HOLOCAUST
By Richard Bolchover
Cambridge, £22.95

Richard Bolchover has made a convincing prima facie case that the bulk of Anglo-Jewry was indifferent to the plight of the Jews of Europe during the Holocaust. He compares the public utterances of Anglo-Jewish leaders during 1939-45 with their later claims of ignorance. Thus Selig Brodetsky, then president of the Board of Deputies, argued in his 1960 memoirs that he had not known what was going on in Europe until the Nuremberg trials. Yet *The Jewish Chronicle* had carried reports throughout the war years. *The Times* had described German intentions in December 1939, in an article entitled "A Slow Road to Extermination". On June 30, 1942 every newspaper reported that at least a million Jews had been massacred since the beginning of the war. Yet it took until October 1942 for British Jews to mount a public protest.

I remember my grandmother, a German Jewess who came to Britain before the first war, and who chaired the welfare committee of the Refugee Committee in the 1930s, talking with bitterness of the indifference of English Jews and their unwillingness to take fellow-Jews, now refugees, into their homes. Yet she had some understanding of that attitude. What Bolchover calls two conflicting philosophies, the politics of hope and the politics of fear, would have been part of her explanation too.

The majority of British Jews believed in liberal democracy, that things would get better for humanity, and therefore for the Jews. Those who had lived in Britain for more than the previous 50 years had seen emancipation of the Jews grow alongside the removal of disadvantages for Catholics and Nonconformists, bearing out their beliefs. But that was neither a uniquely British nor Jewish view. It had its roots in early 19th-century European liberal thought. It had liberated the Jews from the ghettoes and allowed them into German universities, and it encouraged poets such as Heine, born Jewish but converted to Christianity, to write lyrically about emancipation and freedom.

At the same time the politics of fear meant that any outspoken statements or tough actions by the Jews could lead to anti-Semitism. The community was inclined to keep its head down and to show almost obsequious gratitude when non-Jews showed concern, offered help, or expressed their shared outrage at events in Nazi Germany. There was a war on. British Jews must be seen to be involved in the war effort, and not to get diverted by uniquely Jewish concerns.

But Bolchover plays down the genuine philanthropy of the time. The records of the Central British Fund suggest a huge effort on behalf of those trapped in Nazi Germany as the war started, and considerable pressure on the Home Office to let more Jewish refugees in — which may, at the time, have seemed all that could be done.

For fear of anti-Semitism was genuine, and rested on the experience of the Mosley-led Fascist marches of the late 1930s. The Anglo-Jewish community also genuinely believed that Jews could influence the prevalence of anti-Semitism by their behaviour. Bolchover describes "the emancipation contract": the view that anti-Semitism is as much the fault of the Jews themselves as of others. He cites an extract from an 1897 sermon by Claude Montefiore, leader of the Liberal Jewish movement, to illustrate the point: "Ten bad Jews may help to damn us: ten good Jews may help to save us: which minyan [quorum required for a full service] will you join?" But to argue that the action of the individual does affect the community is a view neither modern nor apologetic.

This is absorbing, frightening, upsetting, essential reading. If Anglo-Jewry is to acquire a conviction about its values, this period of history must be re-examined: those institutions which so failed fellow-Jews must be reassessed; routes to influence within the community must be questioned. Finally, those who still remember those days must be asked, before it is too late, why so little was done.

Passion among the haystacks

Melinda Camber Porter

EVASION
By Françoise Sagan
Translated by Elfrida Powell
Severn House, £13.99

Since her first, deliberately scandalously bestselling novel, *Bonjour Tristesse*, was published almost 40 years ago, Françoise Sagan has remained an unabashed high priestess of ecstasy. She is an addict of romantic passion and seems to see herself as a detective, painstakingly and determinedly tracing the quicksilver moments when a human being transcends the ordinary and blossoms into a being of infinite joy. No matter that daily life always comes along to ruin the idyll. In Sagan's view, this high watermark of experience is always worth the agony to which it inevitably leads. Once, when asked whether she would want a daughter of hers to live as she has done, in the romantic, frenetic manner, she replied: "If I had a daughter I would hope she would meet a young man, fall passionately in love with him and die in his arms."

In *Evasion*, her latest novel, it is not just romantic passion that gives her characters back their capacity for joy. Set in June 1940, in the days preceding Marshal Pétain's signing of the armistice with the Nazis, four characters and their chauffeur set out to escape Paris and are attacked by German planes. The two society ladies, Diane and Luce, and their escorts, the gigolo Bruno, and a homosexual diplomat, Loic, survive the attack, but their car is destroyed and the chauffeur killed.

A young peasant, Maurice, takes pity on them and leads them to shelter on his farm, where his mother, Arlette, rules the roost. She makes her society gadflies work for their board and keep, obliging the men to harvest and the women to cook and clean. At first, such simple tasks are experienced as humiliating indignities by this microcosm of tout-Paris that prides itself on being waited on hand and foot. But the experience of living off the land, in unison with the rhythms of sunrise and sunset and the sensation of true physical weariness and hunger satisfied by sleep and food gives the characters a new way of living.

As the Beauce countryside performs miracles on the souls of this quartet, they each experience an utterly convincing moment of ecstatic self-awareness. The doubly mismatched Luce, who gains no satisfaction from her husband or gigolo, is heard throughout the farm shrieking with delight as Maurice administers her first orgasm. The homosexual diplomat, Loic, experiences a deep sense of his manhood and physical prowess, which has been denied to him, as he steers his combine harvester through the fields.



Françoise Sagan: remaining true to her own quirky obsessions

Sagan excels herself describing such moments of ecstatic communion with the French countryside. The weary, bitter gigolo Bruno enacts a baroque, erotic fantasy when he falls into delirium resulting from an attack of sunstroke. His homosexual dream gives him a brief moment of contact with his actual self and passions, which his life as a gigolo has helped to conceal from him.

Reading *Evasion*, one understands how and why Sagan has been content to remain faithful to the novelistic world that she first created at the age of 17. She has avoided every literary fashion, ideology and modernity that has swept the French novel into turbulent and, at times, sterile formalism. She has been accused of lacking intellectual vigour and of having nothing to say about politics. True, in *Evasion* the Nazi occupation of France is merely a backdrop, and Sagan seems to be as uninterested in the actual politics of the day as are her characters. For Sagan, the Nazi presence is merely symbolic, not an area to research. But Sagan's work has stood the test of time precisely because she has remained unswervingly passionate about her own quirky obsessions. Moreover, the clarity and sheer musicality of her prose can, at times, equal the best of Colette.

Out of the laboratory

Lesley Chamberlain

FRONT-LINE WOMEN OF THE NEW RUSSIA
By William Millinship
Methuen, £9.99 pbk original

It gets harder to write about Russia, now that information is free. The former KGB was recently offering visitors tea, a frank chat and a tour of the Lubyanka prison for a few dollars. For journalists the great boon is in the background to the Russian story: the fact that individuals no longer routinely disguise their inner thoughts or refuse to divulge past miseries. In general, we know what went on in the Soviet Union; our worst fears have been confirmed. The interest now is in individual cases.

William Millinship's collection of interviews is at its best when it reveals the peculiar ways Russians of all ages and backgrounds are adjusting to being ex-Soviet, ex-communist and nominally free. Many of them are short of money. Millinship, *The Observer*'s correspondent from 1989 to 1992, does not say whether any of his respondents asked for payment, but every Russian now knows information has a market value.

The Russia industry makes a pile in the West. Payment would be one practical way of saluting an extraordinary people who have just emerged from a 70-year experiment only to be plunged into another, indefinite crisis over how to live. For they still ask the grand questions over there, and it is a wonderful, uncomfortable, impossible place. Though a number of Millinship's interviewees criticise the communist education system for its collective bias and often cruel anti-individualism, Soviet citizens clearly emerged with a sufficiently broad moral education to go on thinking about their contribution to culture and society for the rest of their lives.

It is this cultural strength which gives Russia its extraordinary backbone, and makes it such an unpredictable, resilient country, when all around life is sinking into new corruption, unprecedented poverty, myriad ideological confusion and uncontrollable violence. So you get the young woman sex shop proprietor who, as a former doctor, really sees her role as the Marie Stopes-cum-Havelock Ellis of post-communism. She will make a profit on latex and fishnet while she can, but actually she wants to help.

Ballet dancers and ecologists, teachers and politicians: these women are all full of commitments and contradictions. They are all by turns wily, savvy, innocent, and wonderfully hard-working. Neither they nor outsiders like Millinship doubt that they are the best thing about Russia (though Russian women have difficulty respecting themselves as individuals). This book is more than just another exposé of the dire but already much publicised plight of Russian women: it reveals the present Russian condition through their eyes.

Wholesale condemnation of communism is rare, for it sometimes, perhaps often, appealed to feminine puritanism. The old Stalinist Kira, Olga the ballerina and Ksenia the nun all hanker after a good, plain, serious way to live, which the old ideology provided. Olga has returned from the West to help rebuild a country which has "lost a generation to discos and hard rock". Ksenia, once a television journalist, fears media corruption of the young. Actors and actresses feel "bought" in the new economic environment; characters have changed for the worse and young people are dropping out of education under pressure to make money. No one should underestimate the political weight of this residual conservatism. Perhaps that is why Millinship in his final section on business — in Russian *biznes* — observes that even the best entrepreneurs seem to be characters in a play still being written, making as much money as they can before the curtain falls or the scriptwriter dies.

This is a society which has grown up manipulating words and distrusting surface meanings, while loving great literature and poetry. There is a typical obtuse deviousness about Kira's talk of "openness" under Stalin. "They arrested people openly, they executed people openly. . ." It is a kind of ignorance, which persists in hardliners regretting the collapse of the showy space programme and seeming unaware of the cost of past military might or Stalin's wickedness.

At the other end of the intellectual scale comes the editor Natalya Perova's commitment to the great, yet little-known writing of 20th-century Russia. She has irony and familiarity with the West on her side, also a charming story to tell about wanting the best for her babies and landing on her feet as the Russian translator of Dr Spock.

In between come many wise insights. For many Russians the collapse of the empire has meant a loss of friends and the snuffing out of a genuinely international ideal. Then there is grief, not that still in the late 20th-century "a Russian woman is a horse pulling a cart", but at the shocks history has inflicted, the treachery of ideas and the betrayal of ideals. Too many people remember a knock on the door in the night. For some Stalin is the traitor, for others Gorbachev. No one is optimistic and nothing ahead is clear.

Parables of war and peace

Anatol Lieven

AFGHAN STORIES
By Oleg Yermakov
Secker, £8.99 pbk original

During a visit to Afghanistan just after the Soviet withdrawal in 1989, a former British officer turned war photographer described to me how surprised he had been when he first went there in the early 1980s and went into action with the Mujahidin against the Soviet army. As a Nato officer, he said, he had always been taught to think of the Soviet enemy as a formidable, well-trained, well-equipped and disciplined force. He was astonished to find in Afghanistan that they were in fact shabby, poorly equipped, badly-led and deeply demoralised.

Oleg Yermakov's brilliant stories mercilessly dissect that demoralisation. They count among the finest portrayals of war in contemporary literature, and stand in the great Russian classical tradition of such accounts, dating back to the artillery lieutenant Leo Tolstoy. Yermakov writes from first-hand, having served three years with the Soviet army in Afghanistan.

However, only three of the stories in this collection deal directly with the experience of combat. Most approach the war more obliquely, through the thoughts and behaviour of soldiers through the endless period of waiting, through the experiences of families left behind in Russia and of scarred veterans trying to build new lives.

Some of the most beautiful passages in this collection are not set in Afghanistan at all but describe Russian nature and especially Russian forests. Here the influence of the classical tradition is also very evident.

This approach is only paradoxical at first glance. Any northern European who had lived even briefly in the searing climate of Afghanistan, in its parched steppes and implacable mountains, will know how the mind dwells almost obsessively in shades of northern green, on trees and running water. These are also the standard Afghan muslim vision of paradise.

The passages on nature also fulfil a structural purpose, contrasting the abundance and variety of growing and aspiring natural life with the unnatural hardness and deadness of military existence, with its heavy, cold military equipment and relationships. One of the finest stories, "The Snow-Covered House", describes the sexual flowering of a village schoolteacher, as the date of her husband's return from war approaches.

Apart from their high quality, Yermakov's stories are of historical interest in helping to explain the Soviet defeat in Afghanistan and, beyond that, the collapse of the Soviet Union itself. Like their Vietcong counterparts, the Afghan Mujahidin fought with superb courage and endurance; their contribution to the end of communism should not be underestimated.

All the same, it can be said of the Soviet troops in Afghanistan that, like the Americans in Vietnam, in the end they defeated themselves. Yermakov brings out the reasons for this: the collapse of social values leading to a collapse of military morale: a mixture of senseless pettifogging discipline and slovenly indifference on the part of the officer corps, which allowed rampant corruption and insanely cruel bullying of younger soldiers by their elders. This reached such heights that it undermined unit cohesion and drove some men even to prefer desertion and the tender mercies of the Mujahidin. The Soviet experience in Afghanistan should dissuade anyone who thinks that such training makes for efficient soldiers.

Today, the Afghan veterans are one of the most volatile and dangerous groups in Russian society. They also form the élite troops of several of the national armies now engaged in war on Russia's periphery — rather ironically in view of their very unimpressive military performance in Afghanistan. In his final story, Yermakov describes how a group of discharged veterans are simply dumped at Tashkent with no means of getting home. Rejected by their crumbling society, after a night of drinking and quarrelling they realise that they only have each other.

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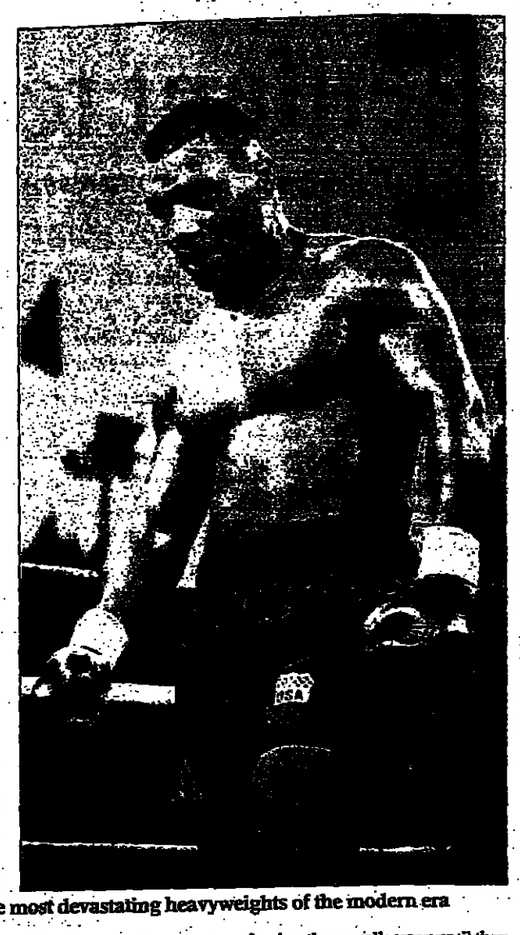
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Prison life puts dejected Tyson down for the count







Hard times: Tyson, left, arrives at the Indiana Youth Center, with its fences and watch-tower, where he is serving six years for rape and, right, in his days as one of the most devastating heavyweights of the modern era

Mike Tyson has served almost 18 months of his six-year prison sentence for rape and awaits the outcome of his appeal for a new trial. Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, discovers how the former heavyweight champion of the world has fared behind bars

Whenever he comes out of prison, now or later, contrary to the popular belief, there is no resentful Mike Tyson waiting to wreak havoc on pretenders such as Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, and Lennox Lewis, the World Boxing Council champion. A recent interview he gave to NBC television in the United States showed he was not even thinking about boxing. All he was interested in was getting out of the Indiana Youth Center with all his faculties intact.

The former world champion has been too depressed even to think of tackling Bowe or Lewis. "Either way I look at the situation I've been screwed. Because my life has been totally devastated," he said. He looked careworn and dejected in the NBC interview. "I don't even think about fighting," he said. "This is his (Bowe's) time, let him use it well. I know he's much better than people portray him to be. I don't want to fight anybody. I'd like to go home. I'd just like to get out of here and start my life. It's going to shock a lot of people, particularly a lot of boxers and that.

"The best step right now is just to rebuild my life. I've lost so much of it. I have to rebuild it. But with regard to whatever has happened in this situation I'm going to be able to handle it. The main issue is that I have to rebuild my life."

He has a new girlfriend. She has given him a wedding ring which, he said, keeps him human. He says he does not think about clothes, parties or women. "I ain't going down that avenue no more, because that avenue put me in a position where I was irresponsible. My priority is to get out of here with all my faculties."

By any reasonable estimate, it will take Tyson anything from six months to a year to get back into boxing even if he were released almost immediately. He would not go into training straight away but would spend a couple of months getting his act together. Then he would need at least two or three warm-up contests. He would most probably challenge Lewis before Bowe, as the WBC champion is regarded by Americans to be the easier opponent.

'I don't want to fight anybody. I'd like to get out of here and start my life.'

Jay Bright, Tyson's boyhood friend and cornerman, told me: "Mike doesn't talk about fighting. He can't allow himself to think that way because, if the things don't go his way, he'll be miserable because in his mind he will already have got himself back into title contention. When he gets out and the door closes and he drives over the Ohio border and gets the hell out of Indiana, then he'll start thinking about fighting."

Bright thinks Tyson could win the title back the day after he leaves prison, but he wants him to take his time. "Mike knows that Lennox Lewis is very vulnerable," Bright said.

"Lennox Lewis will be so intimidated when he gets into the ring and he looks across at Mike. But I would like Mike to look very impressive. I would like him to go in there and make them look fools. They can't touch him. Mike will pulverise them. You can count the punches Mike got hurt with on one hand, including Buster Douglas, including Razor Ruddock, including Tony Tucker. If he comes out and irons out his style and goes back to the basics Cus d'Amato taught him he'll vaporise them.

"It would take him a good three or four months to get back into boxing condition. The weight is already off him because he's been doing light exercise — 600 sit-ups a day. But he's not in boxing condition. They won't let him hit a bag or a speed ball. I would say he's going to need some time to get his head together. Because you can't just come from an eat-or-be-eaten environment, where somebody's barking at you, telling you what to do, telling you when to brush your teeth, and just come out into society again. Everybody's going to be clamouring at his door, he's got to have a certain amount of time."

Bright thinks that Tyson's time in prison should make him a better fighter. "Prison has opened him up. He'll sit and talk about books, Tolstoy, Voltaire. He's read a lot about philosophy, marinated in thought. This part of his personality was always there. But it was overshadowed with all the glitz and the glamour and women and the craziness. He's found out that satisfaction does not come from external entertainment or excitement, satisfaction comes from within yourself. I think he's matured and if he can take the thinking and the ideology and apply them he'll be a better fighter.

"He's always had what was necessary to be a fighter. But this will just enhance it. Maybe he'll understand himself better. If you understand yourself better, you can't help but be a better fighter."

Even though Tyson is a fearsome product of the brutal world of boxing, the Indiana Youth Center has been a more painful experience than the humiliating ten rounds with Douglas that left him with his eyes closed and crawling about the canvas looking for his gum shield. Just as in the ring, there is always someone who is meaner than you.

The name Indiana Youth Center may not quite have the ring of San Quentin or Rahway, but the inmates are in for similar offences. "He's not in there with people who are like commuters on the Long Island railroad," Bright said.

Tyson told NBC: "Some of these people in here don't have a connection with anything. If you think where some of these people come from and what they do, and they really have no connection with anything. They come from hillbilly towns, don't have any televisions so they don't have any connection with someone of my calibre. If you want to see the dregs of society just come to prison and see the changing of the guards.

"Nothing good comes from prison. I don't care if people come here. One thing you learn to do, you become better at what you did before you came in here. If you were a crook before you came here you become a better crook because there is no chivalry here. If I was in here for something I did, it would be easier, but just the fact that I am here for something I didn't do and I'm innocent, it devastates me.

"But every day I'm living through hell. It's not as if I've adapted. This is my life. I'm institutionalised. Every day I'm walking a thin line to hell. They don't treat people like humans in prison. They treat them like animals. If that's the case they should send them to the zoo and feed them from plates. This place is not for rehabilitation, trust me. Every day I go to bed and wake up and find I'm not broken, that's my silent victory."

Tyson should have been placed in the second of four levels of security in the prison, but he was given a level three moderate security cell, eight feet by 12, with a slit window, a stainless steel commode and a sink to share with another inmate. Prisoner No 922335 shares the facilities of the block with 167 other prisoners. There are television sets but no cable programmes. Telephones have to be booked and can only be used for 15 minutes at a time.

The man who made the ring the loneliest place in the world for his opponents, now finds himself isolated. It is understandable that life could become impossible if he is innocent, as he keeps on saying he is.

Tyson hates showering with other prisoners because he does not like to see the naked bodies of men, some of whom, he says, have been raped by other prisoners. "I don't shower much. Three or four times a week," he said. "I hate to look at these guys and see things that happen. Just makes me sick. So I don't put myself in a position to look at that."

He does not eat the food prepared in the cafeteria because he thinks somebody might have done something unpleasant to it. Bright said: "He won't eat prison food. He eats packaged food from the commissary. He won't eat cooked food from the cafeteria because you never know. Because food is cooked by inmates and you don't know what kind of inmate you're going to get. After the cook gets through with it, you could get some guy who's nutty could defecate in it." He has soups, crackers and cheese. He eats the processed food.

'It's not as if I've adapted. This is my life. I'm walking a thin line to hell.'

Tyson does not attend school because he says the instructors are picking on him. A private tutor comes from Indianapolis to teach him English, history and maths. He craves regular contact with the outside world to ward off depression. When Bright and Camille Ewald, his adoptive mother, visit him every month he does not walk away when the interview is over but stands there watching them walk away until they disappear from view. He rings home two or three times a day and speaks regularly to his best friend, Rory Holloway, in Albany. He rang twice in the space of an hour during my interview with Bright in his Catskill home.

"He wanted to know about his pigeons," Bright said after he had put the phone down. "He's got 180 of them. Magpies, Birmingham rollers, tumblers, Russian high flyers, Canadian high flyers, Lahores. He worries about whether they eat right, how they are being trained and whether they fly right.

"They have to fly to a certain height, certain amount of time. He wants to know about the little babies. I send him pictures of the small birds with updates every week so he can see them growing." Tyson has received over 3,000 photographs of his pigeons from Bright.

When he comes out, his pigeons will bring him to Catskill first, Bright believes. "He will spend his time between here and Cleveland [where Don King, his promotor, lives]," Bright said, walking across the sloping lawns of the old Victorian house to the pigeon coop, which looks like a two-up-two-down modern family house.

"He'll come back here. This is what was here before everything happened. This is his home. He loves to come back here. He's relaxed here. This was all here before he achieved any of the things he achieved. I was here, Camille was here, we loved him before and we'll love him after.

"He'll sit there on the front yard on a lawn chair and watch his pigeons flying round and round and round. They will fly over the Hudson River and across the mountains."

Born: Brooklyn, New York; June 30, 1966.
Cus D'Amato, a boxing trainer, spots his potential in 1979.
1984: National Golden Gloves champion.
Jim Jacobs takes over as trainer on D'Amato's death; Tyson turns professional in 1985.
Meets Trevor Berbick, the World Boxing Council champion, in November 1986 and destroys him in two rounds. At 20 years and 145 days, becomes the youngest boxer to claim a version of the heavyweight title.
March 1987: adds the World Boxing Association title by beating James "Bonecrusher" Smith, only the third to take him the distance.
August 1, 1987: outpoints Tony Tucker to unify the heavyweight division.
1988-9: Tyson's private life attracts interest of the media; contractual disputes, a public brawl with a former opponent and a car crash which knocked him out for 20 minutes.
February 1988: marries actress Robin Givens.
February 1989: divorces Givens.
February 25, 1989: stops Frank Bruno in five rounds in Las Vegas.
July 31, 1989: disposes of Carl Williams in 83 seconds.
February 11, 1990: Meets James "Buster" Douglas, who puts Tyson down and out in the tenth round after being knocked down himself in the eighth. It is the biggest upset since Gene Tunney beat Jack Dempsey in 1927.
Wins four bouts after the defeat by Douglas and is lined up for a £50 million battle with Evander Holyfield, the undisputed world champion, in March 92.
March 1992: convicted of raping an 18-year-old Sunday school teacher, Desiree Washington; sentenced to six years in prison.
Summer 1993: Appeal pending.

Bowen's boot is decisive

CLEVER kicking by Scott Bowen, the stand-off half, nullified the advantage in size enjoyed by the England forwards to help New South Wales to a 29-23 victory in an under-21 rugby union match in Sydney yesterday.

The Australian forwards were made to back-pedal at the set-pieces, but Bowen continually turned the English players around with his tactical kicking.

England looked promising when in possession but were outrucked by the home side, who led 29-18 deep into the second half. But a try by back-row forward Tony Diprose helped the touring side stage a strong finish after being outscored by four tries to three.

The goal-kicking was woeful from both sides, New South Wales succeeding with two out of 11 attempts and England three from nine. "I think both sides made too many mistakes," John Elliott, the England manager, said.

☐ Western Samoa set a world scoring record for a touring side when they beat Marlborough, the New Zealand third division team, 128-0 yesterday, scoring 20 tries. The All Blacks beat Northern New South Wales 125-0 on their 1962 tour.

Salmon and trout anglers to bear brunt of higher rod fees next year

Brian Clarke reveals a new three-tier licence system to help the National Rivers Authority compensate for cuts in government funding

THE National Rivers Authority (NRA) will announce changes next week that could lead to a near-doubling of the cost of a trout angling license and to five-fold increase in the cost of a salmon permit.

The moves follow the final abandonment last month of attempts by the NRA to raise additional cash by levying charges on fishery owners and tenants. The NRA say that the cash is needed to sustain work on fisheries in the face of cuts likely to be made in government support.

At present, all anglers pay a common licence fee of £13.25. This permits them to fish for all species of freshwater fish, including salmon and trout anywhere in England and Wales.

Under the new proposals, there will be three main options. A licence that will allow anglers to fish for salmon would cost at least £65 and possibly more; a licence for non-migratory trout would cost between £20 and £25; and a permit covering coarse fish only would cost up to £15. All the licences would come into force on April next year, after discussion with representatives of the angling community over the next few weeks. As in the past, these rod licence fees are in addition to any changes imposed by a fishery owner.

The move to introduce a tiered licence system marked the latest stage in a somewhat stumbling approach by the NRA to finding funds for its fisheries work.

Historically, more than half of all fishery funds came from the government, the bulk of the rest coming from rod licence fees. However, as the NRA fisheries department became more ambitious and the Government sought to reduce grant-in-aid, so the pressure to generate more cash from the fisheries themselves began to build.

The NRA launched two sets of consultations with fishery owners and tenants last year, both aimed at getting them to contribute to the fishery levies the NRA provides. Both efforts failed in the face of implacable opposition. Many owners said that the fishing services offered were often unevenly available and of questionable direct value. Many more say that the charges proposed were bureaucratic and unfair, and objected to the fact that a third of all money raised would go to the Treasury and not into fishing.

They demanded that any extra cash sought should be raised by the rod licence system instead.

The proposals to be announced at the end of this week are a direct result of the failure to reach agreement.

By proposing different fees for coarse fishermen, trout fishermen and salmon fishermen, the NRA is seeking to raise most cash from those who, it says, benefit most from its work.

Anglers of all three persuasions recognise the desirability of having the NRA to care of their fishing rather than the old water authorities. They will want to see its essential fishery work carried out and will recognise that all such work comes at a cost to someone.

The odds are, therefore, that after protests from the salmon anglers and, no doubt some rectification in the fees asked of them, the new licence structure will receive general support.

The increases the proposals contain, however, will serve to focus attention more sharply than before on what the NRA fisheries department actually does. Evidence will be sought that all non-essential fisheries activities are under review and that some alternative, additional sources of revenue — the coastal salmon netsmen come immediately to mind — are actively being sought.

Angling's representatives will also want to see improved policing of licences by the waterside. For all the sport's vast numbers only 876,000 licences were sold last year.

Anglers will also want to see the availability of licences to those who wish to buy them, much improved. I cannot be alone in never having being asked to produce a rod licence to anyone in my entire fishing career. Nor will I have been alone this year in having to make four telephone calls in an attempt to find out where a licence could be bought — and then in having to drive ten miles to pick one up.

Sheffield say Leeds jumped gun as Deane bid is rejected

BY KEITH PIKE

THE proposed transfer of Brian Deane from Sheffield United to Leeds United collapsed yesterday when Leeds refused to improve their bid for the England striker for a second time.

Leeds, who had had an initial £2.5 million offer rejected, had announced on Monday that a deal thought to be worth in excess of £3 million had been agreed. But yesterday Sheffield United turned them down again. It now appears unlikely that the move will go through.

Leslie Silver, the Leeds chairman, said: "We made an initial offer which was subsequently raised quite substantially. We understand the second one was acceptable, but if it is not the matter draws very quickly to a close. We are not going to get involved in an auction; and there is no further bid coming."

Last week, Leeds were also unsuccessful with an attempt to sign Duncan Ferguson from Dundee United for more than £3 million.

Reg Brealey, the Sheffield United chairman, denied that his club had misled its Yorkshire neighbours into thinking the transfer of Deane would go through. "All I said was that the offer received would be recommended to the board but had to be approved by them," he said. "I received a fax offer from Leeds for the player and it required a faxed response. This has never been sent and I am sorry if Leeds jumped the gun for publicity purposes."

Derek Dooley, the Sheffield United chief executive, said Leeds's offer for Deane fell "a long way short" of the price they would accept. They are believed to be demanding in excess of the £3.2 million — a British transfer fee record — Blackburn Rovers paid Southampton for Alan Shearer.



Deane: too expensive

Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, says he is still trying to persuade the three players who have asked for transfers to stay with the club. But, having completed the restructuring of his coaching staff by appointing Pat Jennings as goalkeepers' coach, he refused to discount the possibility of wholesale changes in his playing personnel.

After supervising the first day of pre-season training, Ardiles said he would hold further talks with Neil Ruddock, Vinny Samways and David Howells, who all requested moves following the dismissal of Terry Venables as chief executive. "I hope all three will stay with us," Ardiles said, "but we have 44 professionals, which is far too many." Newcastle United's attempt to sign Sergui Yuran, the Ukraine international, from Benfica appears to have failed because of the player's personal demands. Swindon Town have completed the £500,000 transfer of Jan Aage Fjortoft, the Norway striker, from Rapid Vienna. Gary Bull, the Barnet striker granted a free transfer last week, has agreed to join Nottingham Forest.

Oliver Holt on the rumour plague that is about to sweep through the grand prix circus

Drivers facing the quick and the dread

THEY call it "the silly season" in Formula One, the time of year that traditionally begins soon after the British grand prix when rumours start about which driver will be racing for which team the following year.

Most of them are apocryphal because team owners play their cards close to their chests. But the moves do eventually happen — and often in bewildering profusion. This season, not one team retained the same two drivers as in the season before.

The system can resemble the hyperactive football transfer market, where the wealthiest teams cream off outstanding talent from lesser teams, leaving less well-heeled outfits to cull, and develop, promising drivers from Formula 3 or Formula 3000.

Last year, Lotus's Finnish driver, Mika Hakkinen, was the pick of the tyros. He was assiduously courted by several teams, joined McLaren — and promptly found himself relegated to test driver when Ayrton Senna belatedly decided he would not take a sabbatical year.

This year, the precocious Brazilian, Rubens Barrichello is emerging as the most coveted new talent on the Formula One circuit. At 21, the Jordan driver is the youngest in grand prix racing and thrust himself into the spotlight with a bravura drive at the European grand prix at Donington in April when he pushed into second place behind Senna before retiring with engine trouble a few laps from the finish.

On Sunday, at Magny-Cours he produced another fine drive which seemed destined to bring him his first championship point until Michael Andretti stole sixth place from him on the last lap.

The demands of Formula One have done nothing to sap Barrichello's refreshing enthusiasm, which extends to mowing the contours of a mini racing track into the lawn of his Oxfordshire home so he can race remote controlled cars on it.

It is an enthusiasm which, coupled with the advantages of being Brazilian in a sport that, understandably, tends to rate them highly, also allows him to talk candidly about the prospects of a move to a bigger team. "I am not aware of any offers from other teams for me yet and I am not sure what I would do if they started coming in," he said. "It is a bit like if you are a person who has no job and then a friend gives you a job for very little money. Then, because you do the job well, somebody else offers you a position for triple the money. What do you do? Take the job and risk upsetting your friend for a year, or stay with him and maybe lose a lot of money for ten years? You decide when the time comes."

Sauber's Finnish driver, J.J. Lehto is six years older than Barrichello, but his performances this year in the first season he has driven a competitive car have revealed his true talents. His position, though, typifies the uncertainty and double-speak that dominates the Formula One merry-go-round.

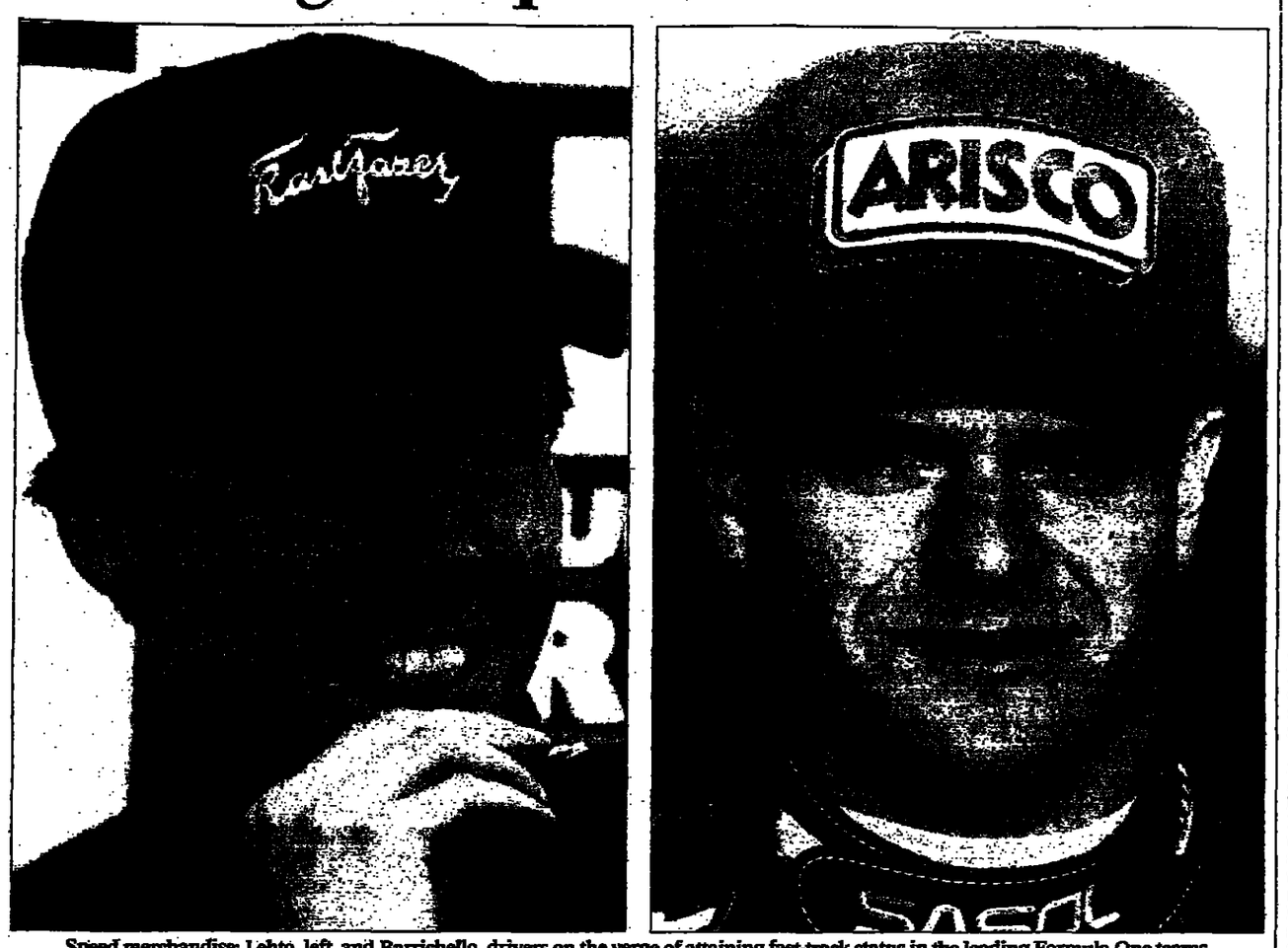
Before the Canadian grand prix, Lehto, who finished fifth in South Africa and fourth in San Marino, issued the motor racing equivalent of a "come and get" me plea.

"I get the feeling Sauber do not want to keep me," he said. "I think they want some new blood, so Keke Rosberg, my manager, is looking around for me. Because of my temperament, this is one of the hardest teams for me to work for. It is all work. There is no joking around." Rosberg has since played these remarks down, taking care to cover his young charge's position by saying he had over-reacted to a disappointing phase in the season.

A third hot property is Christian Fittipaldi — hobby, girls — the 22-year-old nephew of Emerson, son of Wilson, and in his second season in grand prix racing. He, too, has picked up five points this season, despite driving in the less than competitive Minardi-Ford, and is keen to move on.

"I am not entirely happy with everything," he said. "But in many ways I am in a nice position here. I have got some points and I think people will have noticed me even though a lot of the progress I make is lower down the field.

"But to make it into one of the major teams, you really need a move from one of the big drivers, and it does not look like there is going to be too much of that at the end of the season. Some of it comes down to who you know. I just wish my uncle was as famous here as he is in North America."



Speed merchandise: Lehto, left, and Barrichello, drivers on the verge of attaining fast-track status in the leading Formula One teams

Right time in wrong race means Stewart misses out

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GREAT Britain will be unrepresented in the butterfly events at the European swimming championships in Sheffield later this month following the selectors' decision not to bend the rules to accommodate Euan Stewart, of Scotland.

The City of Dundee swimmer set the fastest time by a Briton this year for the 100m butterfly, 54.87sec, at the Scottish national championships in Edinburgh last week. But despite beingnearly half a second inside the European qualifying time of 55.31sec, it was set in the heats rather than a national final, and therefore not eligible for qualification purposes.

Lacking a butterfly specialist, the selectors have turned to the freestyle swimmer, Mike Fibbens, to plug the gap in the men's medley relay team. Fibbens won the 100m butterfly at the ASA national championships last month in 55.67sec, having swum 55.36sec in the heats.

In the women's medley relay, Nicola Goodwin, second in the ASA 100m final behind Marion Madine, of Ireland, will swim the butterfly leg. The selectors have added a further 16 names to the 13 primary selections announced last month, including four new caps in the freestyle relay squads: Martin Carl, Susan Rolph, Alex Bennett, and Debbie Armitage.

Of the 13 initial selections, six — Fibbens, Marie Hardiman, Adam Ruckwood, Paul Palmer, Karen Pickering and Sarah Hardcastle — have been awarded additional events. But Mark Foster, the world short course record holder for 50m freestyle, must wait to see whether he will be given the chance to compete in the 100m as well as the 50m.

Only Fibbens has been selected for the 100m so far, but other "discretionary" selections have not been ruled out.

Redgrave content to stick to golden speciality

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE Redgrave will limit himself to one event at Lucerne regatta this weekend, concentrating on the coxless pairs with Matthew Pinsent, his Olympic gold medal-winning partner.

Redgrave took the place of the injured Tim Foster in the British coxless four at Henley last week, and they beat the formidable German Hansa crew in the final. Redgrave's concentration on his main event in the last selection regatta before the world championships in September seems sensible.

Richard Manners and Ben Hunt-Davis, winners with Redgrave in the four at Henley, will also race in the coxless pairs on the Rotsee. Greg and Jonny Searle, the Olympic champions, will miss the coxed pairs because of examinations, but the two coxed fours seen in the Henley finalwill meet again.

Another win by Jim Walker, Cal Maclennan, Gavin Stewart and Terry Dillon could clinch selection, perhaps leaving their rivals to merge into an eight with members of the team now in America for the World Student Games.

Britain's lightweight coxless four and eight, the world gold and silver medal-winners, found heavier opponents too good at Henley, but will be on equal terms on the Rotsee. So, too, will the lightweight sculler, Peter Haining, whose Henley time suggested he is on a par with the world champion, Ernst Jens Mohr, from Denmark.

Miriam Batten and Jo Turvey will be endeavouring to maintain their 1993 unbeaten record in the coxless pairs, the 1992 lightweight world silver medal coxless four and the sculler, Sue Key, also a silver medal-winner, will take on the world's best lightweight women, including Sue Appelboom, who is challenging Key for selection.

SPORTS LETTERS

Henley Royal Regatta caters superbly for its participants

From Mr Chris Atkin

Sir, As ever, I have been following the peripheral issues of Henley Royal Regatta with great interest: the clucking from the sexual-equality lobby and from the Ascot-bred arbiters of fashion over the crimes perpetrated by the stewards of Henley Royal Regatta. The declarations are vastly amusing and, at the same time, faintly irritating.

The regatta was originally founded by the townspeople of Henley because they reckoned (correctly, as it turned out) that they could develop the idea of a boat race between two universities into a "good day out" for the public and a profitable one for the local community. Good business sense in any century.

At present, the regatta is a great week out, particularly for the competitors, and it attracts enormous interest from club, school and student crews from around the world, as well as crews of Olympic standard, an interest which is rewarded by the great courtesy shown by the stewards and the impressive organisation of the course and the boating and changing facilities.

These features of the regatta are directed towards all competitors, not just Olympic medal-winners, and competitors who have made some effort to be present, whether club oarsmen from Aberdeen or schoolboys from Brisbane, are always warmly received. This kind of welcome lingers in the mind and brings people back year after year as both competitors and spectators.

Making use of the longer intervals towards the end of Henley to stage more events could only realistically add an extra round of racing. Those who declare how easy it would be to add some more events for women might also offer some advice on which crews should be removed to make way for these events.

They would no doubt convince boat club captains with some ease that women's international rowing is of a higher standard than men's club or college rowing and that it is therefore a more exciting spectator sport whilst (even better) being politically correct.

It would be great to see more women's racing at Henley Royal, but effectively doubling the scope of an already busy schedule is going to be a sensitive business in which blind idealism will serve no purpose whatsoever.

Those of us who support women's rowing, along with Jeremy Handley, MP (report, July 5), should start by turning up to Henley Women's Regatta the fortnight before Henley Royal. I must confess to having missed Mr Handley on the towpath that weekend, but he will agree with me that the spectators were admirably looked after with beer and barbecue and that women's club, college and school rowing is really hotting up.

As for those who don't come to Henley Women's but turn up to Henley Royal for the fun: well and good, but they should note that the stewards' enclosure is merely the prime spectating area set aside for those who have demonstrated a particular interest in rowing and in this regatta, with extra entertainment laid on for their guests who may not be so keen.

Dressing up adds to the general sense of fun. Requiring ladies to conceal their knees (when they seem to be able to reveal everything else) is no more ridiculous than coming to a regatta without any knowledge or intention to learn about the sport on display.

For those who have tried hopelessly to get into the enclosure, here is a failsafe method: join your local rowing club (there are plenty around) and get rowing. Within days you'll know someone who might subsequently invite you into the stewards' enclosure as a guest, and — although you will have to be patient — you can be a member yourself in a few years. "Years? But I only wanted to drink Pimm's while wearing a blazer." Well, then, you can do that at home.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS ATKIN,
44 South Street,
Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

From Mr Hugh Burkitt

Sir, Are women being excluded from Henley in order to defend the traditional British tea break? Even on the first and busiest day of racing more than an hour was set apart while everything stopped for tea.

With another half an hour taken from the generous luncheon interval, at least 32 women crews could have taken part in the first round of a 16-race competition.

If women's races started every day at 4pm those who do not want to watch competitors in the fastest-growing section of British rowing could just potter off to the tea tent and pretend that nothing had changed.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH BURKITT,
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Lessons for the Lions

From Mr John McDonnell

Sir, After the final rugby union international between New Zealand and the Lions, it was said that the All Blacks feared the speed of Guscott, Rory Underwood and Evans. How is it that the game-plan allowed the stand-off half to kick away possession repeatedly without using this talent utside him. The Barnes-Andrew controversy will go on, but perhaps the basic problem is the length of the pass from the scrum half. In Australia, with Andrew on the end of Robert Jones's longer pass, he was a different player and we all know who won that series.

Once Underwood and Evans were released, the crossing of the gainline was immediate and tries either followed or the Lions got closer to them than on any other occasion. As a wing, Evans's continual efforts to move back inside, to increase the options and not to waste possession by going into touch were a joy to watch.

The lesson of being seen off in the lineout was a repetition of the English fiasco in Cardiff last season. How is it the Lions, with all their experience, could fall for the continual position changes in the lineout by the All Blacks? It was well read by Andy Haden and perhaps this reading of the opposition is the main difference between rugby north and south of the equator.

The failure seems to be in the basic game-plan, in reading the opposition, adjusting when the opposition are dictating and getting the ball to the two most dangerous wings. For Geoff Cooke and Ian McGeechan to be out-manoeuvred in the basic plan is their failure, not the players'.

Yours faithfully,
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Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.

McCague a more than convenient choice

From Mr Eric Brown

Sir, In all the huffing and puffing of Alan Lee (June 29) and Michael Henderson (July 3), nobody seems to have praised Martin McCague for passing Norman Tebbit's cricket test. That must be some consolation!

What is the fuss about anyway? McCague is UK-born and holds a British passport, so why should he not play for England? After the second Test disaster at Lord's, Dennis Lillee suggested, in a Sunday newspaper, that England should pick him amongst other young players.

I do not recall this fuss being made when Basil D'Oliveira was chosen to play for England. He was not born here, or brought up here, or had any British ancestors, but he was a fine cricketer who graced the Test team and paid us the compliment of playing for us.

I wonder whether your correspondents would have moaned if Gordon Greenidge, brought up in England as a teenager, had elected to play for England. And what of other West Indian-born members of recent England sides? Would their loyalties have been divided had they been considered for West Indies? Are they not also playing under a flag of convenience?

Nobody worries about a New Zealander playing for the Scotland rugby team, Canadians for the British basketball team, and what about the English-, Scots-, Welsh- and Northern Irish-born and bred members of the 1990 Ireland football team? I can't recall the Irish being any less patriotic about cheering on their team. It represented their country and did them proud.

Commitment is what counts, and the McCagues, Caddicks and Smiths seem to be setting the example that the true-blue English — and Scots-born Peter Such — should be emulating.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC W. BROWN,
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Croydon, Surrey.

Single lapse

From the Secretary/General Manager of Essex County Cricket Club

Sir, We strongly object to the statement in John Parker's article ("When the Australians scored 721 runs in a day", June 30) that the Southchurch Park pitch "is suspect and reported too often for its misbehaviour, usually in Essex's favour."

In 1989 the pitch was deemed unfit for first-class cricket and Essex suffered the deduction of 25 points. Our own staff were immediately allowed to take over all work on the square used by the county side, which had hitherto been the responsibility of the Southend Corporation, and that is still the case.

Since 1989 there have been no problems with the pitches. Last season, in a match of 1,067 runs, Essex scored 303 for one declared and 231 for two. David Smith, of Sussex, scored 213 before being run out. In the other match 1,173 runs were scored.

The pitch in Southchurch Park was once (in 1953 after the East coast floods of that year) unfriendly to batsmen, but this is the only exception, and, in fact, in 1982 umpire Don Oslear took the unusual step of writing to the Test and County Cricket Board to commend its quality. The pitches have not been "reported too often", nor are they prepared to suit one side more than the other.

Parker's comments have caused concern to the club and, in particular, to those responsible for the pitches, as we feel that the good name of the club has been damaged.

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. EDWARDS,
Secretary/General Manager,
Essex County Cricket Club,
New Writtle Street,
Chelmsford, Essex.

Spoilt by colour

From Mr R. Holland

Sir, I recently attended a Sunday county cricket match at the Oval and what a disappointment it proved to be. It was not the standard of play or rain that spoilt it, but the coloured playing dress.

The effect was that of a practice match. Despite it being a brilliantly sunny day, the players did not stand out around the field, ie, were not recognisable; the eye did not pick them up as easily as if they had been wearing white.

I am sure consideration has to be given to the financial benefits obtainable from sponsors (you cannot even see who the sponsors are), but surely a white background is suitable for any name or logo. For many years I have watched cricket, and whether it be on the village green or at Lord's, it has always been the green grass and players in white that make it a pleasure.

And, by the way, do English players have to wear baseball caps instead of cricket caps? In this respect the Australians have maintained standards.

Yours faithfully,
R. HOLLAND,
50 Burnthouse Lane,
Ingatestone, Essex.

Buyer's risk

From Mr R. C. Ind

Sir, Whilst in no way condoning the forgery of Wimbledon tickets, one must query whether it is sensible for the state to take a hand in the destruction of a secondary market in genuine tickets. The right to attend a sporting event is hardly a necessity of life.

Where tickets are in short supply, there has to be a system of rationing. This is done by means of a box office queue or through the medium of money. The queue is very advantageous to the unemployed or to students but very detrimental to those at work.

The market-place allows the vendor to decide whether to use his ticket or spend the proceeds on something more attractive to him. Rationing by the queue seems an inferior system to the freedom of the market-place.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They must include a daytime telephone number.

It is is to be hoped that the German businessman who was sold forged tickets (report, June 30) will recover his £50,000 through legal proceedings. He knew the risk he was taking.

Had he asked the company secretary of his "international company based in Britain", he would have had explained to him the ancient doctrine of *caveat emptor*.

Yours faithfully,
R. C. IND,
5 Upper Tachbrook Street,
SW1.

Final choice

From Ms Margaret Pryor

Sir, One simple question might shed some light in the debate on value for money in tennis performance.

Which of this year's Wimbledon singles finals would you prefer to watch again: the men's or the women's?

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET PRYOR,
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8 Middleton Grove, N7.

Secrets of swerve

From Dr J. C. Gibbings

Sir, Ever since 1914, when Ludwig Prandtl did his famous experiment on the airflow past a sphere with a wire wrapped in a circle around it, aerodynamicists have known how a bowler at cricket can make a ball swerve in the air.

Recently, in this department, we discovered an aerodynamic phenomenon that is related to this swerve effect. But its occurrence depended upon the height of the barometer — for aerodynamicists, not the scale effect. I could think only of a humidity effect to explain this.

It is claimed that swerve is greater in a heavy atmosphere, which presumably is of low air density and of high humidity. Is the claim that humidity affects the swerve a genuine one? I have found a claim to this effect in an aeronautics book of 1912 and again in an MCC coaching manual of 1952. Do pitchers in American baseball make the same claim?

It has been reported that the degree of swerve can vary between nominally identical cricket balls. So has the effect of humidity been proved or is the claim for it so long-standing that it is now a psychological impression?

Further, it is reported that a swerving ball can swing more at the end of its flight. Is this genuine or is it a matter of the changing perspective of the batsman's view throughout the flight path?

Yours faithfully,
J. C. GIBBINGS,
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Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside.

Forced off screen

From Mr J. C. E. Murray

Sir, My local was packed with men last Saturday morning, gathered around a radio listening to the Test match. Some questioning revealed that television coverage was being interrupted to accommodate the women's tennis final at Wimbledon and that their wives had insisted that they were not going to miss it.

This could, perhaps, prove one of two things:

1. British men have become wimps of some magnitude.
2. Women's tennis will never cross the gender gap and appeal to honest-to-goodness male sports fans.

Whatever, I went home and listened to the Test match in my bedroom. My wife insisted.

Yours sincerely,
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Answers from page 44

GROMMET

(a) Also *grommit*, an enthusiastic young surfer or skateboarder, 1986-, origin uncertain, cf. *grummit* ship's boy, ring or wreath of rope, especially in nautical contexts, *Wavelength Surfing*, 1986: "If you want the city surf life of Sydney, sharing each wave with a *hoard of surf-crazed young grommets*, then Manly is definitely the place for you."

MOSSBACK

(c) Someone attached to old-fashioned ideas or ways, an extreme conservative, a fogey, since 1878, from the earlier sense of a large old fish so sluggish that it has a growth of algae on its back: "The moss-backs of the National Gallery had pulled off quite a coup in securing the Martini Horse for a one-day exhibition."

BOONDOCK

(c) In the US, slang for rough or isolated country, the back of beyond, usually in the plural, since 1944, from the Tagalog *bundok* a mountain; *Spectator*, 1965: "Those who have been feeling the public pulse not in the booondocks report a great deal of unrest."

POTATO

(e) Australian slang for a girl or woman (also the real thing, something correct or excellent, often in the phrase *not (quite) the clean potato*), in the Oz sense, short for *potato peeler*, rhyming slang for *Sheila*; Germaine Greer: "Tennis often extended to the female herself. Who likes to be called a potato?"

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White can force checkmate with 1 Qh8+! Bxh8 2 Rxh8+ Ke7 (2... Kg7 3 R1h7 mate) 3 Re1+ Kd6 4 Re6 mate.

Parnevik's late 64 takes him to the top of first-round leaderboard in Scottish Open

Action man Lee swings into the picture

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IAN STEWART



Below par: Stewart of America in the rough during his round of 71, one over par, in the Scottish Open at Gleneagles yesterday

THERE was a time when Robert Lee had a reputation as a swinger. Parties, he had been to them. Jokes, he thought them up and played them. Scrapes, he got into and sometimes out of. He was like the man in the Milk Tray advertisement, swinging across a crocodile-infested lake before leaping on to a moving car and climbing up a swaying virginia creeper.

This was achieved without any disruption to his golf. In 1985 he took 27 strokes to play nine holes in both the Monte Carlo and Portuguese Opens, and went on to win both.

Little equalled the sense of relief Lee experienced in the first round of the Bell's Scottish Open at Gleneagles, however. After a desperate run, during which he won so little money he began to worry about paying the mortgage on his house in London, Lee found some semblance of his old form and returned a 67, three under par.

Having done so he looked slightly shocked and surprised and quite pleased. It had been a long time. He had been in a deep depression. At its worst, his bank manager was threatening to bounce his cheques (writing him threatening letters at £20 a time) and Lee was worrying about people coming to repossess his house.

He played well on a day when almost everyone else struggled. It was windy in this particular Scottish glen — what the caddies would call a two-club wind — and few players could match par on a course that had been toughened up considerably in the previous 12 months. Toughened up too much, some players thought.

Last year Peter O'Malley, the winner, played the five finishing holes in an astonishing seven under par, two eagles and three birdies. Retribution for such irreverence from those people who set up the course for this year's championship was inevitable. Rough was grown, fairways were narrowed.

Such measures took their toll on most players on the opening day, but not on Lee. He got to three under par after the 12th and was thinking of finishing four or five under since he had the 14th, a short par four, still to come and it was within his reach from the tee. In the end he was happy to save par on the 15th and birdie the 18th.

Many birdied the 18th, a lovely finishing hole that tumbles downhill in two swooping parcels of fairway. It was directly downwind and, as long as the bunkers were avoided, presented a golden opportunity for birdie. Lee used a nine-iron for his second on this 525-yard hole. Sandy Lyle had 70 yards left for his second shot, so his drive had travelled nearly 450 yards.

Late in the day, Jesper Parnevik showed his fellow competitors how to play the King's Course in a wind. The Swede had a 64 and is three strokes ahead of Lee.

Parnevik struggled on the more difficult front nine and even ran up a couple of bogeys. These were more than compensated for, though, when he got the wind at his back. Starting at the 13th he had a run of six successive birdies, twice holing from 15 feet, for an inward half of 29.

Parnevik has been one of the European Tour's foot soldiers. He has tried and failed ten times to prequalify for the Open. Last year he went close to achieving his first victory on tour when he lost to Severiano Ballesteros in a play-off for an event in Majorca.

A few weeks after that performance he was at St Mellion and took an 85 on a cold and windy day and then punished himself by jumping into a lake. "That's what that score deserved" he said. A year later his score was 21 strokes better.

☐ Nicola Buxton, the national champion, despite a quadruple bogey eight to ensure that England, the defending champions, finished no lower than fifth after the first qualifying round of the European women's team championship at the Royal Haagsche, Holland.

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

64: J Parnevik (Swe). 67: R Lee. 68: D Besson (SA). 69: R Chapman, G Evans, M Sunesson (Swe), P Way, D Clarke, P Baker. 70: M Mackenzie, C Montgomerie, A Sorensen (Den), J Farmer, J Sewell, G Orr. 71: K Waters, M Mouland, C Rocca (It), P Stewart (US), P Senior (Aus), S Luna (Sp), P Hall, P Fowler (Aus), M Jiminez (Sp), C O'Connor Jr. 72: S Struver (Ger), J Robeson, E Romero (Arg), P Johansson (Swe), P Lawrie, M Gates, I Palmer (SA), D Mijovic (Can), P O'Malley (Aus), J van de Velde (Fr), R McFarlane, D Cooper, D Waldorf (US), N Ozaki (Japan), C Mason, G Turner (NZ), M Lanner (Swe).

Tapie asked for answers in bribes scandal

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BERNARD Tapie, president of Marseilles, the European champions, has been questioned by the magistrate investigating France's football bribes scandal, informed legal sources said yesterday.

The former government minister was interviewed on Tuesday as part of a new enquiry into allegations that money was offered to Boro Primorac, the former Valenciennes coach, to take the blame in the match-rigging affair. Tapie's lawyer, Francis Szpiner, described the move as "an outrageous manoeuvre."

Primorac is reported to have told the state prosecutor he was contacted last month by a man who said he was an official of Bastia football club and a friend of Tapie.

Primorac is said to have been taken to the Paris headquarters of Bernard Tapie Finance and offered money by the Marseilles president. Tapie has publicly denied meeting Primorac.

Five people, two Valenciennes players and one of their wives, a Marseilles player and the Marseilles club's general manager, Jean-Pierre Bernes, have already been charged over the affair.

Bernes and Marseilles defender Jean-Jacques Eydelie have been accused of trying to bribe the Valenciennes players on the eve of league match on May 20 which was won by Marseilles. Both are in custody.

The Valenciennes state prosecutor, Eric de Montgolfier, insisted yesterday that Bernes is guilty of corruption. The prosecutor told national radio that Bernes "acted to corrupt. From my point of view, he has corrupted. He was one of the key figures ... but certain information in the dossier shows that Jean-Pierre Bernes did not act alone. The dossier will not be closed until everything is known."

He added that Tapie, and the Valenciennes president, Michel Coencas, would be interviewed as soon as possible over the main bribery allegations. But he indicated that Tapie was not in any immediate trouble.

"The information does not enable us to say that Bernard Tapie is a corrupter. If it was clear to me that he is, we would have taken the necessary constitutional steps to have his parliamentary immunity lifted."

Police are hunting for Eydelie's wife, Christina, who has gone missing, legal sources said. She is said to be wanted as a witness in connection with the bribes case.

☐ Football authorities in Italy said yesterday they were investigating match-fixing allegations against the Sicilian club Acireale, promoted to the second division after rivals Perugia were found guilty of bribery.

The Acireale coach, Giuseppe Papadopulo, is accused of proposing to Ischia officials at half-time that the two teams settle for a draw during their league match last December.

The accusations were made only recently by Ischia president Bruno Basentini, several months after the match and in the wake of Ischia's relegation.

The game ended 0-0 but Ischia claim that they played to win.

The case must now be considered by a disciplinary committee which last week cancelled Perugia's promotion to the second division in the light of allegations that the club president, Luciano Gaucci, had tried to bribe a referee.

The decision, still to be confirmed by an appeal hearing, cleared the way for Acireale to go up. Perugia had beaten them in a promotion play-off match last month.

Soft penalties for attack on referee

EXETER City and their manager, Alan Ball, escaped with slaps on the wrist by the FA yesterday after an enquiry into an assault on a referee at their ground in May. The second division club was fined £10,000 and ordered to play one match behind closed doors, both sentences suspended for one year.

Ball was fined £250, and ordered to give an undertaking about his future behaviour for his part in the disturbances at the end of Exeter's home match against Port Vale.

Bob Hamer, the referee, was bundled to the ground by home spectators at the end of the match after awarding Vale a last-minute penalty that earned them a draw and left Exeter facing relegation. Hamer was rescued by Ronnie Jepson, the Exeter forward, and Ball had to be restrained by his coach from confronting the referee.

The FA's three-man enquiry team held a 3½-hour hearing at St James' Park, where they inspected the facilities and studied video evidence before finding City and Ball guilty.

Exeter were also ordered to consult the Football Licensing Authority, the local council, the police and the FA on ground-stewarding and management — and were also ordered to post warning notices to supporters about pitch invasion in the first ten programmes of next season.

Clifford Hill, the Exeter president, said: "We have had a fair hearing. I think the commission have let us off the hook, and it is up to us to behave ourselves."

Last year Birmingham were fined £50,000 and ordered to play two games behind closed doors, both sentences also suspended, after Roger Wiseman, the referee, was assaulted during a pitch invasion.

☐ Coventry City yesterday signed much-travelled former England forward Mick Harford, 34, from Sunderland for £200,000. Bobby Gould, the manager, also snapped up the Plymouth left back, Steve Morgan, 24, for £110,000.

Cipollini takes overall lead after team triumph

MARIO Cipollini, of Italy, took the yellow jersey in the Tour de France yesterday. He leads by six seconds after a team time-trial in which one of the overall favourites, Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, moved into a threatening position.

Cipollini's GB-MG team completed a surprise win in the 81-kilometre fourth stage, a race against the clock from Dinard to Avranches, enabling the Italian to take the lead from the Belgian, Wilfried Nelissen, a fellow sprinter.

The Italian team finished five seconds ahead of the favourites, ONCE, in a time of 1hr 34min 10sec. But Zulle, a ONCE rider, who had hoped to take the overall lead, gained more than a minute on the defending champion, Miguel Indurain, of Spain, and moved ahead of him in the overall standings. Zülle is now third, 21 seconds behind Cipollini, and is the best-placed rider among the favourites to win the race, which finishes in Paris on July 25. He is 65 seconds ahead of Indurain, who has slipped to 23rd. Claudio Chiappucci, of Italy, also overtook the Spaniard after his Carrera team came fifth in 1h 34min 57sec, but Indurain, the 1991 and 1992 Tour winner, may not be too unhappy with the result.

His Banesto team, mainly picked for the mountain stages, limited the potential damage in the flat time-trial on the borders of Brittany and Normandy by finishing seventh in 1hr 35min 32sec.

The world champion, Gianni Bugno, of Italy, and the Tour of Spain winner, Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, by contrast, had bad days. Bugno's Gatorade team lost 12 seconds on Banesto and Rominger's Clas outfit was more than three minutes down on the leaders.

Cipollini has been on the victory podium in all four stages since the prologue, winning the first at Les Sables d'Olonne on Sunday and finishing third in both of the next two.

"When I came here, I didn't think I was really in form, but I was wrong," he said. "Now I have the yellow jersey and I think I must be in a dream. I hope I'll stay fit enough to get to Paris."

The sprinters are expected to dominate the next few days on the relatively flat terrain of northern France, when Nelissen is likely to be the main threat to Cipollini. The Italian's six-second lead is fragile, particularly as sprinters can pick up time bonuses of six seconds for winning intermediate sprints, of which there are three in the fifth, 225.5-kilometre stage, to Evreux today.

"For me to win a stage wearing the yellow jersey is going to be difficult," Cipollini, whose team covered the time-trial at an average speed of 51kph, said.

The fourth stage completely reshuffled the overall standings, leaving Nelissen, of Novemail, as the only man in the top ten who does not ride for either GB-MG or ONCE.

Eric Breukink, who finished third overall in the 1990 Tour, moved up to a useful seventh place, 39 seconds off the lead, despite being handicapped by a knee injury.

TOUR DETAILS

FOURTH STAGE (Dinard to Avranches; 81km team time-trial): 1, GB-MG (It), 1hr 34min 10sec; 2, ONCE (Sp), at 5sec; 3, Motorola (US), at 25; 4, Novemail (Holl), at 31; 5, Carrera (It), at 47; 6, Telekom (Ger), at 1min 21sec; 7, Banesto (Sp), at 1:22; 8, Gatorade (It), at 1:34; 9, Ariostea (It), at 1:36; 10, Lampre (It), at 1.49; 11, Wordperfect (Holl), at 1.59; 12, TVM (Holl), at 2:10; 13, Castorama (Fr), at 2:15; 14, Clas (Sp), at 3:06; 15, Lotto (Bel), at 3:14; 16, GAN (Fr), at 3:49; 17, Festina (Sp), at 3:56; 18, Amaya (Sp), at 4:44; 19, Chazal (Fr), at 4:51; 20, ZG Mobili (It), at 5:08

OVERALL POSITIONS (after four stages): 1, M Cipollini (It), GB-MG, 16hr 57min 51sec; 2, W Nelissen (Bel), Novemail, at 6sec; 3, A Zuelle (Switz), ONCE, at 21; 4, L Jalabert (Fr), ONCE, at 22; 5, Z Jaskula (Pol), GB-MG, at 29; 6, J Bruyneel (Bel), ONCE, at 39; 7, E Breukink (Holl), ONCE, same time; 8, P Louvet (Fr), ONCE, at 52; 9, J Museeuw (Bel), GB-MG, at 58; 10, F Ballerini (It), GB-MG, at 1min 05sec; 11, S Bauer (Can), Motorola, at 1:07; 12, C Mottet (Fr), Novemail, at 1:09; 13, A Hampsten (US), Motorola, at 1:10; 14, R Sorensen (Den), Carrera, at 1:13; 15, L Armstrong (US), Motorola, at 1.15; 16, C Chiappucci (It), Carrera; 17, A Mejia (Col), Motorola, both same time; 18, E Bouwmans (Holl), Novemail, at 1.17; 19, F Vona (It), GB-MG, at 1 19; 20, S Roche (Ire), Carrera, same time.

TODAY: Fifth stage: Avranches to Evreux, 225.5km



Cipollini: in front

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco Giants 13, Montreal 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Philadelphia Phillies 5; New York Mets 9, San Diego Padres 7; Chicago Cubs 3, Cincinnati Reds 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 10, Houston Astros 3; Colorado Rockies 8, Florida Marlins 3; St Louis Cardinals 5, Atlanta Braves 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Jays 5, Chicago White Sox 1; Texas Rangers 11, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Detroit Tigers 4, Minnesota Twins 1; Baltimore Orioles 8, Kansas City Royals 0; California Angels 3, Boston Red Sox 2; Seattle Mariners 12, New York Yankees 4; Cleveland Indians 11, Oakland Athletics 8.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Home international championships: Ireland 128, Scotland 111. Rink scores (rink skips first): C Davis 15, G Hood 29, S Allen 24, G Acram 16, E Parkinson 18, R Corse 22; S Adamson 26, W Wood 14; P Smyth 19, A Blair 14, N Graham 24, A Marshall 16 England 132, Wales 86 (England first): A Allcock 18, J Price 17, S Lam 15, R Weale 21, J Bell 28, D Wilkins 6, D Ward 22, T Mounty 16, A Thomson 27, W Thomas 9, D Cutler 22, S Wilshire 17.

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Taunton: Warwickshire 273-8 (R G Twose 84); Somerset 276-7 (A Payne 79). Somerset won by 3 wickets. Northampton: Hampshire 230-9 (R M F Cox 127, J S Laney 83, M N Bowen 4-41, J G Hughes 4-60), Northamptonshire 219. Hampshire won by 74 runs. Bingley: Lancashire 308-6 (J Crawley 53, M Harvey 86, R Irani 56); Yorkshire 309-8 (D Byas 106, S A Kellett 57). Yorkshire won by 2 wickets.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Denstone 233-3 (T Mason 103). Tettenhall 136; S J Dean's XI 252-4 (J Addison 113). *Denstone 168-6. Old Bancroftians 267-5. Boncroft's 242-7 (A Khan 130). MCC 216-6, Warwick 170-7, Old Warwickians 245-6. Warwick 246-4 (J Moffatt 101 not out), Cranbrook 200-8. *Enfield GS 115-7; *Perse 180-8. Kimbolton 172; *Perse 181-6, Wrekin 175-9. Stragglers of Asia 154-9, *King's Canterbury 168-6. MCC 228-9, *Coxson's 221-7, MCC 242-7, *KCS Wimbledon 246-5 (P Redwood 110); MCC 229-6. *Watford GS 233-8; Forty Club 179, *Woodhouse Grove 181-6 (D Webster 112 not out). *Christ's, Brecon 178, Forty Club 177-4, Haberdashers' Aske's 203-4, *Forest 160-8. *Whitgift 252-4, Reigate 224-9. Sevenoaks 222-2 (W House 100 not out), *Eltham 131-6. *St Dunstan's 187-8, Sevenoaks 190-6, Hutton GS 184, *Colston's 186-5 (C Taylor 126 not out); *Forest 168, Colfe's 131-8.

Festivals: Charterhouse: Rugby 292-4 (Robards 133), Charterhouse 177. Radley (Silk Trophy) Shrewsbury 180, Radley 112. Wellington: Wellington 227-9, Melbourne GS 175 Merchant Taylors', Northwood: Loretto 153, Rossall 154-2; Cranleigh 231-5, Ardingly 143-8. St Peter's, York, 173, Merchant Taylors', 71-4. Bishop's Stortford College: Bishop's Stortford 246-7, Stamford 166-6 (J Moore 110 not out); Oakham 233-6 (C Durant 100), Bromsgrove 204-7. Fettes: The Leys 246-5 (T Keates 109), Fettes 99. St Paul's 215-4, Monkton Combe 90, Monkton Combe 189-5, Fettes 103, St Paul's 153. The Leys 131-7. Sedbergh: Sedbergh 197-7, Abingdon 200-4. Merchiston Castle 105, Oratory 110-2. Merchiston Castle 202-8, Sedbergh 103; Oratory 123, Abingdon 124-4. Marlborough: Haileybury 258-8, Marlborough 259-6 (Ratcliffe 106); Marlborough 82, Cheltenham 86-5, Haileybury 223-7. Sherborne 185-8, Blundell's: Blundell's 132, Uppingham 133-3, Ampleforth 205, Canford 195-5. Royal Grammar Schools (at High Wycombe): Worcester 315-7 (Protheroe 106, Connor 103), Guildford 209-7; Newcastle 223-7, Colchester 226-4 (Evans 100). Tour matches: Hamilton High: Victoria (Aus) 242-9. *Denstone 155-4, *Watford GS 200-5. Hamilton High 103 *Denotes home team

FENCING

ESSEN, Germany: World championships: Women's team epée: Semi-finals: Germany 9, Ukraine 2; Hungary 9, Italy 3. Final: Hungary 9, Germany 6. Third place: Ukraine 9, France 4.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian zone: First round: Group B: (in Damascus) Oman 7, Taiwan 1; Iran 1, Syria 1.

TRIESTE, Italy: Copa Pele (services' tournament): England 3 (Blissett 2, Worthington), Holland 2; Brazil 1, Italy 0

HOCKEY

KUALA LUMPUR: Champions Trophy: Pakistan 2, Malaysia 2

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: New South Wales Under-21 XV 29, England Under-21 XV 23 (in Sydney). Marlborough (NZ) 0, Western Samoa XV 128 (in Blenheim), Queensland Country XV 3, Tonga XV 12 (in Townsville)

WORLD CUP: Qualifying match: Zimbabwe 50, Gulf States 21 (in Nairobi).

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Services championships: Royal Navy target rifle championship: 1 CPO N Ball (Air), 269.34; 2, PO T Amy (Air), 266.17; 3, Lt Cdr P Drummy (Portsmouth), 248.21. Pistol: First stage: 1, Bdi 150, 2, AEM K Smallwood (Portsmouth), 139; 3, PO R Day (Portsmouth), 136. Slimbang Cup (Service Rifle): 1, Lt S Roots (WRNS), 152. RAF Service Pistol Stage: 1, WCdr M Gregory (Brampton), 165; 2, W Cdr F Gardner (Uxbridge) 154; 3, Sgt P Barry (Valley), 153. WRAF pistol: 1, Cpl S Williamson (Leuchars), 79, 2, F/Lt E Dixon (Leuchars', 59 Service Rifle Stage: 1, SAC S Tempio (2 Sqn RAF Regt) 178; 2, SAC A Maddick Boscombe Down), 176; 3, C Tech C Webb (Northwood), 173. Haslemere Cup (Pistol Tyro) 1, Cpl S Evans (Honington), 155. Young Officers Pistol: 1, F/Lt B Poole (Leuchars), 125. Royal Marines and RM Queen's Medal: Stage leaders: 1, L/Cpl M Cole 572; 2, Vne S Waller 567; 3, WO T Sands 547; 4, Maj S Garbutt 545. Army: Staffordshire Regt Cup (moving target) 1, WO2 H Ashley (3 Cheshire), 49; 2, S/Sgt P Brunt (1 WFR), 48. Britannia Trophy (combat snap) 1, 6th GR 228.2, 1 WFR 195.2. 2 GR 148. RAF: Goldsmiths Cup (LMG) 1, 19 Sqn RAF Regt, 261, 2, 34 Sqn, 220; 3, 1 Sqn 217. Lydford Cup (combat snap) 1, 2 Sqn. 35, 2, 27 Sqn. 32.5, 3, 19 Sqn. 31.5.

TENNIS

BRISTOL: Challenger Trophy: First round: T Henman (GB) bt M Tobon (Col), 6-1, 6-2; P Nyborg (Swe) bt C Marsh (SA), 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; A Reznec (US) bt S Youl (Aus), 7-6, 1-6, 7-6; G Muller (SA) bt N Marquez, 7-6, 6-4

FEUDSTOWE: Cadnet East of England championships: Men: First round: A Richardson bt S Tunnicliffe, 6-2, 6-0; M Wyeth bt P French, 6-3, 6-2; J Baily bt M Gurr (Zim), 7-6, 6-2. M Schofield bt A Colvin, 6-3, 6-1; C Sammarco (Bol) bt M Wallhead, 7-6, 6-4; P C Robinson bt G Saffory, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; N Adams bt A Burgoyne, 7-6, 6-4; C Beecher bt N Bagtin, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: Hall of Fame championships: First round: L Herrera (Mex) bt M Hadad (Col), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; J Frana (Arg) bt R Schmidt (US), 6-3, 6-4; A Thoms (Ger) bt S Groen (Holl), 6-4, 6-3; L Telerman (It) wo R Mzouszewski (US), scr; S Matsuoka (Japan) bt B Shelton (US), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6. M Rush (Aus) bt C Garner (US), 7-6, 6-1, G Stafford (SA) bt G Bloom (Isr), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; P Rafter (Aus) bt L Gloria (US), 6-4, 6-2. A Antonitsch (Austria) bt N Borwick (Aus), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6, B MacPhie (US) bt G Doyle (Aus), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

GSTAAD, Switzerland: First round: N Kulti (Swe) bt J Boetsman (Swe), 6-4, 6-1; J Costa-Silva (Port) bt A Berasategui (Sp), 6-3, 6-2; B Wuyts (Bel) bt M Jaite (Arg), 6-4, 7-6. H Skoff (Austria) bt H Holm (Swe), 6-4, 7-6. R Fromberg (Aus) bt J Bustillo (Sp), 6-1, 6-4; R Agenor (Hait) bt D Orsanic (Arg), 6-3, 6-4. C-U Steeb (Ger) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, T Muster (Austria) bt M Stringari (Arg), 4-6, 6-2, 6-1. M Ondruska (SA) bt G Main (Fr), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Bruguera (Sp) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 6-4, 6-0; R Krishnan (India) bt C Pistolesi (Fr), 6-3, 6-2. M Zoecke (Ger) bt R Furlan (It), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, R Gilbert (Fr) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 7-6, 1-6, 7-6; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt S Simian (Fr), 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; M Rosset (Switz) bt G Markus (Arg), 6-1, 6-2. C Costa (Sp) bt bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-3, 6-0; M Nawia (Ger) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4

BASTAD: Swedish Open: First round: M Larsson (Swe) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 7-5; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt D Vacek (Cz), 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; C Ruud (Nor) bt T Nydahl (Swe), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; M Arello Gomz (Sp) bt J Svensson (Swe), 7-6, 6-1; T Enqvist (Swe) bt G Prpic (Cro), 6-0, 6-2; T Carbonell (Sp) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-0, 6-2

YACHTING

TEESSIDE ROUND BRITAIN AND IRELAND RACE: Positions (after first leg; Plymouth to Crosgaghe): Class one: 1, La Kota (D Scully and S Fossett, US), 1 day 09hr 43min; 2, GABR (M Gatehouse and M Carter, GB), 1 day 9hr 50min. 3, End (R Tolliden and P Foot, GB), 1:07.01. Class two: 1, Jusqu'au Bout (L Blanken and P Carpentier, Fr) 1:06.42; 2, Illyria (D and L Kookesy, GB), 1:15.07. Class three: 1, Magic Machine (R Everct) and A Viden, Holl), 1:13.28. Class four: 1, Fritzz-Fratzz (G Clausen and N Bailey, Ger), 1 00.40; 2, Sea Talk (S van Hagen and R Jaspers, Holl), 1:11.28; 3, Sorceress (I Holloway and J Cowley, GB), 1:14.44. Class five: 1, Severallys Challenge (B Thompson and H Darvell, GB), 1.07.16; 2, Fiery Cross (R Kidd and A Mitchell, GB), 1.11.21; 3, Drakker (R Morelisse and P Vroon, Holl), 1:13.31. Class six: 1, Modi Khota (C Shephard and J Baggaley, GB), 1.16.13; 2, Mercury Messaging (W Mumford and J Redpath, GB), 1.17.28; 3, Maverick (C Briggs and M Turner, GB), 1.18.01.

BEER, Devon: International 14 European championships: First race: 1, M Lennon and D Pedler (Coniston), 0pts; 2, R Yeoman and J Eplet (Itchenor), 3; 3, I Walker and C Fox (Itchenor), 5.70. Second race: 1, M Jones and I Waren (Itchenor), 0; 2, C Stanley and I Roman (Itchenor), 3; 3, A Fitzgerald and I Gotts (Itchenor), 5.70. Third race: 1, Turner, 0; 2, Walker, 3; 3, Lennon, 5.70. Overall: 1, Lennon, 5.70, 2, Turner, 8; 3, Walker, 8.70

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match (one day)

11.0, at Ilford:

STONE: *Minor Counties v Australians*

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bury St Edmunds (final day of two): Suffolk v Cumberland. Marlborough (first day of two): *Wiltshire* v Hertfordshire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Seldom: Durham v Glamorgan. Dartford: Kent v Worcestershire. Southgate: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex. Taunton: Somerset v Sussex. The Oval: Surrey v Derbyshire. Todmorden: Yorkshire v Lancashire.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Men's home internationals (Worthing).

EQUESTRIANISM: Royal International Horse Show (Hickstead).

GOLF: Bell's Scottish Open (Gleneagles).

TENNIS: Challenger Trophy (Bristol)

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RESULTS AND RACECARDS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.00 ELLESMERE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,776. 7f)

HEATHCLIFF gr c Common Grounds - Catherine Lynton (Mrs J Corbett) 8-13 D Holland (7-1) 1.

Link Miles b c Mardon Melody - Donna Pavlova (The Winning Team) 9-3 J Reid (7-2) 2.

Mister Beat b g Brussolon - Miss May (P Asquith) 8-13 K Fallon (10-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Forest Loch (5th), 11-2 Leap Of Faith (4th), 9 Shuttlecock, 10 Great Night Out (6th), 12 Little Bid, 14 Mr Mystical, 25 Easy D'Or, Dominant Partner, Indian Castle, 33 Lord Wellington, Ready Money Riley, 14 ran. NR: Mentmore Lad. ¾l, sh hd, 1½l, 15l, 2½l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £10.20; £3.40, £1.80, £3.90. DF: £22.90. Trio: £198.70. CSF: £33.60. 1min 28.03sec.

2.35 MORE O'FERRALL PLC MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O. £4,863: 1m 2f)

SABREHILL ch c Dees - Gypsy Talk (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 Pat Eddery (15-2) 1.

Lacotte b c Sadler's Wells - La Dame Du Lac (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 M Roberts (5-2 fav) 2.

Peaches Polly b f Slip Anchor - Rostova (W Gredley) 8-9 Paul Eddery (14-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 6 Rumbus (6th), 13-2 Alastaf, 12 Machgala Mila, 14 Quillon, 16 Pyramis Prince, Proton (5th), 20 Ericlute, Mamara Reef, Tread Carefully, 25 Aspect (4th), 33 Dancing Tratthee, 50 Bend Sable, Zonk, Away Girl, Wannabe. 18 ran. 5l, 3l, 5l, sh hd, 2l, H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £7.40; £3.10, £1.80, £4.50. DF: £9.30. Trio: £158.80. CSF: £25.59. 2min 2.58sec.

3.10 HE LIMITED DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £20,387: 1m 2f)

LYPHARD'S DELTA b f Lyphard - Proud Delta (S Khaled) 8-5 W Ryan (7-1 jt-fav) 1.

Seren Quest b f Rainbow Quest - Serenesse (N Stalwart) 8-0 D Harrison (14-1) 2.

Map Of Stars b c Danzig - Luminaire (Sheikh Mohammed) 8-5 M Roberts (16-1) 3.

Sharjah b c Nijinsky - Office Wife (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) 8-9 P Robinson (20-1) 4.

ALSO RAN: 7 Al-Mu Midnight Heights, 8 Nessun Dorma, 12 Western Cape, Duween, 16 George Dillingham, Lyford Cay, Foothwith, Brandonmust, Natuth, Spin Doctor (6th), 20 Seasonal Splendour, 25 Pamzig, Jonva, Ercolin, Kassbean, Dutosky (5th), 33 Danny Boy, 50 Spice And Sugar. 22 ran. Hd, 2½l, hd, nk, 2½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £6.90: £2.10, £4.00, £3.90, £4.70. DF: £89.10. Trio: £244.10. CSF: £95.88. Tricast: £1,411.66. 2min 2.68sec.

3.40 FALMOUTH STAKES (Group 3: fillies & mares: £38,483: 1m)

NICHE ch f Risk Me - Cubby Hole (Lord Carnarvon) 3-8-8 L Piggott (13-8 fav) 1.

Dancing Bloom b f Sadler's Wells - Dancing Shadow (Lord Weinstock) 3-8-8 W Carson (16-1) 2.

Culture Vulture ch f Timeless Moment - Perfect Example (C Wright) 4-8-7 Pat Eddery (13-2) 3.

ALSO RAN: 4 Zaraal Sidi Anaa, 8 Nicer, 12 Feminine Wiles (4th), 14 Sumoko, Informatice (5th), 20 Ancestral Dancer, 25 Mystic Goddess (6th), 100 Tender Moment. 11 ran. 3½l, 3l, hd, 5l, 2l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £25.10. Trio: £39.00. CSF: £25.86. 1min 37.08sec.

4.10 SELI GROUP JULY STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £15,555: 6f)

FIRST TRUMP ch c Primo Dominie - Velika (Mollers Racing) 8-10 M Hills (9-2) 1.

Fast Eddy ch c Sharpo - Miller's Creek (Mrs J Harris) 8-10 L Dettori (12-1) 2.

Prince Saber b g Fairy King - Bell Toll (G Pritchard-Gordon) 8-10 W Carson (20-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Turtle Island (4th), 4 Wallba Riva (5th), 66 Alaneas (6th). 8 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 1l, ¾l, 6l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £5.50; £2.20, £2.60. DF: £18.60. CSF: £40.93. 1min 12.97sec.

Peaches Polly b f Slip Anchor - Rostova (W Gredley) 8-9 Paul Eddery (14-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 6 Rumbus (6th), 13-2 Alastaf, 12 Machgala Mila, 14 Quillon, 16 Pyramis Prince, Proton (5th), 20 Ericlute, Mamara Reef, Tread Carefully, 25 Aspect (4th), 33 Dancing Tratthee, 50 Bend Sable, Zonk, Away Girl, Wannabe. 18 ran. 5l, 3l, 5l, sh hd, 2l, H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £7.40; £3.10, £1.80, £4.50. DF: £9.30. Trio: £158.80. CSF: £25.59. 2min 2.58sec.

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Bath

Going: firm

2.15 (1m 3f 144yd) 1, MR GENEAOLOGY (W Newnes, 7-4 fav); 2, Conway (K Darley, 7-1); 3, On Golden Pond (C Ritter, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 4 My Set Peace (4th), 9 Jackanew Boy (5th), 20 Natasha North (6th). 6 ran. 3½l, 3½l, 25l, 1l, dist. J White at Wendower. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £2.50. DF: £8.40. CSF: £12.23.

2.50 (1m 3f 144yd) 1, URGENT REQUEST (K Darley, 15-8); 2, Double Bass (A Mcglone, 10-11 fav); 3, Plah Kesh (A Clark, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Seema (4th), 100 Tout De Val (5th), 5 ran. 4l, 4l, 5l, 2l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.89.

3.25 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, GILDERDALE (J Williams, 2-1 fav); 2, Tiger Claw (A McGlone, 20-1); 3, Thalerous (A Clark, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Sallr (5th), 11-2 Doozdee, 6 Loch Duich, 12 Lamu Lady (4th), 16 Long Furlong (6th). 8 ran. 1½l, sh hd, nk, 12l, hd. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £2.10; £1.80, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £35.69. Tricast: £142.74.

3.55 (5l 161yd) 1, JACOB BOGDANI (C Ritter, 9-2); 2, Ashkernasy (K Darley, 13-1); 3, Arabsydall (A Clark, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-6 fav Hacklett (4th), 9-2 Tallcoat, 6 Chilly Time, 10 Hello Ireland (5th), 14 Sister Susan (6th), 20 Strapped, 33 Sharp Spring, Dream Mary. 11 ran. 3½l, sh hd, ¾l, 3½l, 9l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £2.00, £8.30. DF: £18.80. CSF: £60.02.

4.25 (1m 1f 34yd) 1, MILIYEL (D McCabe, 6-1); 2, Sudanor (A Mackay, 25-1); 3, Swift Spring (T G McLaughlin, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Royal Print (4th), 5 Ok Corral (5th), 9 Flash Of Straw (6th), 12 C D Sharepian, 20 Young James, 8 ran. 1½l, 2l, 3½l, 2l, 5l. Miss G Kelloway at Newmarket. Tote: £8.20; £1.90, £3.00, £1.70. DF: £73.30. CSF: £102.06. Tricast: £543.81.

5.00 (5l 11yd) 1, TROMBING (R Palmer, 2-1 fav); 2, Ricky's

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Niche given long-term Santa Anita objective

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

LORD Carnarvon, one of the prime movers in establishing the pattern race system, collected his second such prize in 24 hours when Niche, his 3,000 Guineas second, spreadeagled a distinguished field in the Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

In a fine display of controlled front-running, Niche conclusively shattered the myth that she might not properly stay a mile. So much so that Richard Hannon, her trainer, nominated the ten-furlong Nassau Stakes at Goodwood as a likely objective.

However, there is no doubt where Niche will conclude her three-year-old season. "I want to go to Santa Anita," Lord Carnarvon said, referring to the Californian venue for this year's Breeders' Cup series.

Nap: DRESS SENSE
(4.10 Newmarket)
Next best: Zieten
(3.05 Newmarket)

Having by-passed Royal Ascot on account of the soft ground, Niche had not run since the 1,000 Guineas in April. You would not have thought it, judging by her appearance in the paddock. She looked on good terms with herself, and her demeanour has been considerably placated by her new-found friendship with a ewe, who shares her stall at Hannon's stables.

"She's put on weight since the ewe joined her," Carnarvon said. "There might be problems taking the thing with Niche to America, but luckily the filly only tends to fret when she is in her box."

Dancing Bloom, beaten 3½ lengths by Niche, had Culture Vulture three lengths behind her and was not unduly punished. Some unusual white markings make her resemble a cowboy's pony, but she can certainly run.

Another set of famous racing silks came to the fore in the group three July Stakes. The chocolate and gold colours of the Moller family were carried with distinction by the Geoff Wragg-trained First Trump, whose finishing speed proved too much for Fast Eddy, trained by Wragg's former assistant, David Loder.

Peter Chapple-Hyam's efforts to emulate Hannon's daily group race victory foundered with Turtle Island, who tamely surrendered his unbeaten record on ground almost certainly too fast. First Trump, unbeaten in two previous starts, attracted a post-race quote of 33-1 for next year's 2,000 Guineas.

Wragg feels the son of Primo Dominie, whose first British group winner this was, already needs a seventh furlong, but he warned that First Trump might prove vulnerable to the demands of a mile.

The Gimcrack Stakes, over six furlongs at York, is next on First Trump's agenda, although a long-term objective is the recently-revived and richly-endowed Tattersalls Houghton Sales Stakes, a bonus race won by the same connections' Young Senor, who beat the subsequent Derby winner Dr Devious, two years ago.

Henry Cecil illuminated the thought that there is life after the classics when saddling Sabrehill and Lyphard's Delta to contrasting victories. Lyphard's Delta who prevailed by a head in the HE Limited Duke Of Cambridge Handicap, holds a Nassau Stakes entry, but Sabrehill's five-length romp in the More O'Ferrall PLC Maiden Stakes over 10 furlongs suggested he may not be out of place in the Champion Stakes.



Niche market: Niche (Lester Piggott) added to her list of victories in the Falmouth Stakes

Cecil's colt favourite for Ascot

COMMANDER In Chief, the dual Derby winner, was yesterday installed as 6-4 favourite with William Hill for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on July 24.

Hills, the only company to offer prices on the mid-season feature, have User Friendly, winner of the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud last Sunday, next best on 7-2 with the Eclipse Stakes winner, Opera House, at 5-1.

Intrepidity, who attempts to follow up her Oaks victory in the Irish equivalent on Saturday, is quoted at 8-1, along with White Muzzle, winner of the Italian Derby.

Henry Cecil, the trainer of Commander In Chief, could also be represented by the 10-1 chance Tenby, third to Opera House last Saturday. His place in the line-up will be determined by the ground. Cecil said: "He hated the firm at Sandown, although I was delighted with his run. He lost his position when the pace quickened but then battled on well."

Bookmakers were able to celebrate a windfall yesterday with the news that Hob Green had been withdrawn from the Ladbroke Bunbury Cup at Newmarket this afternoon. Hob Green had attracted solid support for the seven-furlong handicap, establishing himself as 8-1 clear favourite.

However, he worked disappointingly yesterday and his trainer, Lynda Ramsden, decided to take him out. Mrs Ramsden said: "It's heart-breaking that he will miss the race. He just didn't stride out as well as usual.

"You have to be 100 per cent for a handicap like this, so we decided to give the race a miss. But I'm sure he will be all right in a day or two."

Hob Green was also strongly-fancied for another big ante-post betting heat, Royal Ascot's Wokingham Handicap, but was balloted out. "It's bad luck that he should have missed two big races, but we'll just have to go through the programme book and find another suitable race for him," Mrs Ramsden added.

Zieten can give Fabre fresh big-race success

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

ANDRE Fabre's record in Britain's top races is little short of astonishing and Zieten can enable the Chantilly-based trainer to pass the £2 million domestic prize-money mark by winning the July Cup at Newmarket today.

Since Fabre began sending runners here in the mid-1980s he has lifted 18 major prizes, and this year has won the 2,000 Guineas, Oaks and Queen's Vase. His tally in the group one July Cup, the highlight of the three-day Newmarket meeting, is no less impressive. Soviet Star won in 1988, Golden Opinion was narrowly beaten the following year and Lycius also occupied the runner-up spot in 1991.

Such statistics underline why Fabre's raiders always deserve the utmost respect, and there is every reason to believe Zieten can become the third French-trained July Cup winner since the war.

After Zieten had beaten Pips Pride in the Middle Park last year, Fabre immediately questioned his ability to stay a mile this season and suggested the Danzig colt would be better suited to sprinting.

It was no surprise, therefore, that his lack of stamina told in the French 2,000 Guineas, having earlier won a slowly-run race over a mile at Longchamp. Zieten returns to six furlongs for the first time this season and, equally important, has his preferred fast ground.

In a race which has tended to favour three-year-olds, College Chapel is a serious challenger and victory would guarantee a repeat of the emotional scenes at Royal Ascot following his success in the Cork and Orrery Stakes.

However, College Chapel has raced only on soft ground, and there must be a doubt about his ability to cope with this much faster surface. Keen Hunter is another who reserves his best for when the mud is flying.

Elbio came back to form with a vengeance at Ascot to take the King's Stand Stakes, but only three six-year-olds have won the July Cup this century, the last being Diadem in 1920.

Of the outsiders, Basim can leave behind a disappointing run in the Greenham Stakes and Jim Bolger is expecting a bold showing from the top two-year-old in Ireland last season.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.20 Eastern Magic. 2.55 Green's Cassatt. 3.25 Biljan. 4.00 Rosie Valentine. 4.30 Mehthaaf. 5.00 Silver Groom.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 6F 15YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 YOUNG AT HEART SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,784: 1m 1f 213yd) (17 runners)

1 0/35 SALMOND 7 (D,F,6,5) B Meehan 7-10-0 – 8
2 100- ERAS MOOD 236 (C,F) B Palling 4-9-8 Stephen Davies (5) 1
3 -000 IBSEN 10 R Akehurst 5-9-3 R Perham 17
4 5-06 IMA RED NECK 12 J Moore 4-9-2 A McGlone 13
5 /000 JUST-GO-AGAIN 6 (B) J Jefferson 4-9-2 B Raymond 16
6 0004 EASTERN MAGIC 19 (B,B) J Akehurst 5-8-12 Paul Eddery 15
7 00-2 BOLD FLASH 28 P Rudkin 3-8-11 J Gracey (7) 9
8 0606 CREAGHMOR 10 M Bolton 3-8-10 J Lowe 2
9 0055 BEACH FOR GLORY 6 (V,F) R Whitaker 4-8-10 G Parkin (7) 7
10 0003 MAI PEN RAI 30 (V,F,6) C Hill 5-8-9 J Quinn 3
11 4545 MERRY MERMAID 10 J Bottomley 3-8-7 L Charnock 4
12 3680 WINGED WHISPER 8 (F) J Pickering 4-8-7 D McCabe (7) 5
13 0504 NOT YET 15 (D,F,6) E Weymes 5-8-3 D Holland 11
14 00-0 CLAR DUBH 3 I Campbell 3-8-1 G Mitchell (7) 14
15 0000 ABSOLUTELY FIXED 7 B McMahon 4-8-1 S Maloney (3) 10
16 0344 BRONZE RUNNER 12 (B,CD,F,6) S Mellor 9-8-0 T Sprake 6
17 -500 ELECTROJET 26 (F) A Jones 5-7-7 N Adams 12

4-1 Mai Pen Rai, 5-1 Bold Flash, 11-2 Eastern Magic, 6-1 Salmondi, 7-1 Ibsen, Not Yet, 8-1 Bronze Runner, 10-1 Reach For Glory, 12-1 others.

2.55 POST OFFICE HANDICAP
(£3,002: 1m 1f 213yd) (11)

1 4005 BRESIL 10 A Jarvis 4-10-0 R Hills 11
2 0-04 SUN GREBE 16 (B) J Dunlop 3-9-11 Paul Eddery 8
3 0-05 ATHERTON GREEN 13 (F) J Glover 3-9-10 .. S D Williams (5) 2
4 -242 TELEPHUS 17 (D,F) B McMahon 4-9-8 J Lowe 9
5 090- AFFA 1990 T Thomson Jones 4-9-7 S Whitworth 1
6 00-5 GREEN'S CASSATT 15 (C,F) W Brisbourne 5-9-6 S Maloney (3) 5
7 2-00 MISTY GODDESS 17 (D,F,6) M Jarvis 5-9-4 K Rutter (5) 4
8 /001 INFERRING 7 (CD,F) J Watkinright 5-9-1 (5ex).. L Charnock 10
9 0165 SHARQUIN 31 (D,F,6) M Britain 5-8-12 M Wigham 7
10 5000 BRECKENBROUGH LAD 22 (D,S) T Barron 6-8-11 B Raymond 3
11 0005 DANDY DESIRE 14 (B) B Morgan 4-8-7 J Williams 6

3-1 Inferring, 7-2 San Grebe, 9-2 Telephus, 5-1 Atherton Green, 7-1 Green's Cassatt, 8-1 Affa, 10-1 Sharquin, 14-1 Misty Goddess, 16-1 others.

3.25 AWEBB ELECTRICAL NETWORK HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,289: 1m 6f 15yd) (5)

1 5631 MY PATRIARCH 8 (D,F) J Dunlop 9-11 (4ex) Paul Eddery 3
2 5554 GUESTWICK 16 J Dunlop 9-2 B Raymond 1
3 352 FONIERY 16 Mrs J Cecil 9-1 R Hills 4
4 2531 BILJAN 12 (F) P Cole 8-9 J Carroll 2
5 5542 TURFMANS VISION 16 R Hollinshead 8-8 S Perks 5

7-4 Foliery, 9-4 My Patriarch, 3-1 Biljan, 4-1 Turfmans Vision, 7-1 Guestwick.

4.00 HELP THE AGED CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,422: 6f 15yd) (5)

1 1455 CULSYTH FLYER 12 (5) R Hollinshead 9-3 Paul Eddery 4
2 543 LAUREL ROMEO 7 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 5
3 0 PACIOLI 12 M Williams 8-6 J Williams 2
4 3236 ROSIE VALENTINE 14 S Norton 8-5 D Holland 3
5 0 INAMORATA 10 A Jarvis 7-7 J Lowe 1

11-10 Culsyth Flyer, 11-4 Laurel Romeo, 4-1 Rosie Valentine, 5-1 others.

4.30 EBF MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,342: 6f 15yd) (9)

1 54 KOONDOONA LADY 13 A Jarvis 8-11 J Lowe 3
2 40 LADY PHYL 3 B Meehan 8-11 S Whitworth 6
3 MEHTHAAF J Dunlop 8-11 R Hills 1
4 0 MONAASSABAAT 38 M Stoute 8-11 B Raymond 5
5 PLACITANA P Harris 8-11 M Adams 7
6 RAMADHADE R Hollinshead 8-11 S Perks 9
7 SO SERIOUS E Weymes 8-11 Paul Eddery 4
8 TRICORNE R Charlton 8-11 T Sprake 2
9 WAVELET B Hills 8-11 D Holland 8

5-2 Mehthaaf, 3-1 Wavelet, 7-2 So Serious, 5-1 Tricorne, 7-1 Monaassabaat, 8-1 Koondoona Lady, 16-1 Ramadhade, 20-1 Placitana, 25-1 Lady Phyl.

5.00 ACTIVE LIFE APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,301: 1m 54yd) (10)

1 -500 WATCHEZ TRACE 24 (V) I Balding 4-10-0 D Griffiths (6) 8
2 -520 FESTIN 61 (B) P Haslam 3-9-13 C Adamson (10) 2
3 4402 TEJANO GOLD 27 P Cole 3-9-6 A Daly (10) 1
4 0244 STALLED 19 (BF) P Howling 3-9-7 P McCabe 7
5 0034 NORTHERN TRIAL 12 (V) K Burke 5-9-7 G Mitchell 4
6 0006 MY MIMIE 13 R Hodges 3-9-6 S Mulvey 10
7 0624 SILVER BROOM 27 A Jarvis 3-9-5 B McGrath (5) 5
8 0030 MOST SOUGHTABLE 27 C Thornton 3-9-5 G Mills (10) 6
9 0-53 QUEEN OF DREAMS 154 J Scargill 5-8-7 G Milligan (5) 3
10 00-0 SIAN WYN 13 K Burke 3-8-7 M Baird (5) 8

11-4 Stalled, 7-2 Northern Trial, 9-2 Watchez Trace, 5-1 Silver Broom, 6-1 Tejano Gold, 8-1 Festin, 12-1 Queen Of Dreams, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Charlton, 7 winners from 19 runners, 36.8%; M Steele, 9 from 40, 22.5%, P Walwyn, 8 from 36, 22.2%, P Cole, 15 from 74, 20.3%; J Dunlop, 21 from 110, 19.1%, R Whitaker, 8 from 54, 14.8%.

JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 11 winners from 99 rides, 11.1%; T Sprake, 3 from 29, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

6.30 The Karaoke King. 7.00 Mr Tate. 7.30 Mack The Knife. 8.00 Good Image. 8.30 Dixieland Melody. 9.00 Lucedeo.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.30 LACERTA.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F 16YD - 7F 16YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 LYSAGHT AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£2,574: 1m 4f 23yd) (13 runners)

1 -541 ALLMOSA 6 (D,F,6) T Naughton 4-12-2 (5ex) Mrs J Naughton (5) 3
2 5012 SCENIC DANCER 5 (D,F,6) A Hide 5-12-0 Miss L Hide (5) 7
3 2065 THE KARAOKE KING 15 (B,D,F,6) R Hannon 4-11-11 Mrs J Boggis (5) 5
4 -002 MYSTERIOUS MAID 22 (D,F,5) J Pearce 8-11-7 Mrs L Pearce 9
5 -306 DUGGAN 12 (D,F,6) P Evans 6-11-6 Mr W McLaughlin (5) 2
6 0010 PRECIOUS CAROLINE 6 (F) P Cundell 5-11-4 Mrs D Arbuthnot 12
7 000- SMOKERSNEE 327 (6) P Leach 5-11-2 Miss J Southcombe 11
8 4200 FANATICAL 12 (B,D,F) R Baker 7-10-13 Miss S Farrant (5) 6
9 0041 HILLSDOWN BOY 16 (6) S Dow 3-10-13 Mr T Cuff (5) 4
10 A83 BARCHAM 9 (F) D Wilson 6-10-12 Miss Diana Jones 10
11 022/ HELLO SAM 722 J Bennett 10-10-5 Miss A Purdy (5) 8
12 0400 WRITTEN AGREEMENT 13 R Peacock 5-10-2 Mrs C Peacock (5) 13
13 00/6 MEESON CODE 29 P McBride 5-10-1 Mr V Lukanski (5) 1

4-1 Allmosa, 5-1 Scenic Dancer, 11-2 Mysterious Maid, 13-2 Hillsdown Boy, 7-1 Barcham, 8-1 The Karaoke King, 10-1 Precious Caroline, 14-1 others.

7.00 WELSH BREWERS HANDICAP
(£3,231: 1m 2f 36yd) (8)

1 8403 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 12 (F) R Hannon 4-9-13 L Dettori 6
2 8033 HAROLDON 10 (6) B Palling 4-9-13 Stephen Davies (5) 5
3 0414 SAINT CIEL 22 (D,F,5) F Jordan 5-9-11 Michael Doherty (7) 1
4 0330 SCOTTISH BAMBI 20 (D,F,G) R Hannon 5-9-9 R Perham 4
5 1204 ROMOLA NUNSKY 10 (D,5) P Evans 5-9-6 L Piggott 7
6 -/12 MR TATE 19 (D,BF,5) R Akehurst 4-9-5 J Reid 8
7 0110 TENDRESSE 16 (CD,F,5,5) C Hill 5-8-11 D McCabe (7) 3
8 0041 WHO'S THE BEST 28 (C,F) A Jarvis 3-7-10 J Quinn 2

9-4 Mr Tate, 9-2 Tendresse, 5-1 Who's The Best, 7-1 Saint Ciel, 8-1 others.

7.30 WELSH RIBAND CONDITIONS STAKES
(£9,146: 1m 4f 23yd) (3)

1 1541 BIG PAT 10 (D,F,6) J Pearce 4-9-6 L Dettori 1
2 40-4 ANCHORITE 12 (F) P Walwyn 4-9-5 Pat Eddery 2
3 514- MACK THE KNIFE 257 (B,CD,6) W Hern 4-9-4 L Piggott 3

8-11 Mack The Knife, 5-2 Anchorite, 3-1 Big Pat.

8.00 ALVESTON MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,276: 7f 16yd) (13)

1 6246 CLASS ATTRACTION 12 M Pipe 4-9-13 M Perrett 9
2 -300 CASHMIRIANA 7 J Bosley 4-9-1 C Rutter 11
3 0-00 SIR OLIVER 17 R Hodges 4-8-12 J Williams 5
4 0505 GUESSTIMATION 12 J Pearce 4-8-9 G Bardwell 7
5 0232 GOOD IMAGE 9 A Jarvis 3-8-8 Pat Eddery 8
6 400- CASTING SHADOWS 252 B Hills 4-8-8 D Holland 3
7 -405 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 13 R Peacock 4-8-4 D McCabe (7) 13
8 /00- VIS-A-VIS 418 D Arbuthnot 4-8-2 R Price 10
9 4-03 TUMBLING 12 J Bethell 5-8-2 A Munro 2
10 -000 KALOKASATHOS 9 Mrs S Williams 4-7-9 J Quinn 1
11 00-0 HULLO MARY DOLL 14 S Mellor 4-7-7 Dale Gibson 12
12 0530 CHEREN BOY 9 (V) B Forsey 4-7-7 N Adams 8
13 6005 WESSEX MILORD 13 J Bennett 8-7-7 Claire Balding (7) 4

7-2 Good Image, 4-1 Tumbling, 9-2 Class Attraction, 10-1 Sir Oliver, Christian Warrior, 12-1 Cashmiriana, 14-1 Casting Shadows, 16-1 others.

8.30 MAPLE CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,494: 7f 16yd) (8)

1 0 CHEEKY TUNE 38 D Arbuthnot 4-9-2 R Price 5
2 -420 BOLD AMUSEMENT 12 (6) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-12 N Carlisle 6
3 21- DIXIELAND MELODY 306 (F) B Hanbury 3-8-12 W R Swinburn 7
4 0 DASHING MARCH 41 M Saunders 4-8-11 J Williams 2
5 GREAT PLOVER Mrs A Knight 3-8-8 J Quinn 3
6 -458 LACERTA 28 (B) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-5 J Reid 4
7 CASTLE VIEW K Burke 3-8-3 D Holland 1
8 00 SUEENA 42 R Hodges 3-8-3 S Drowne (7) 8

6-4 Lacerta, 2-1 Dixieland Melody, 3-1 Bold Amusement, 25-1 others.

9.00 FLEUR DE LYS HANDICAP
(£2,957: 5f 16yd) (11)

1 0053 LUCEDEO 1 (D,F,6) J Spearing 9-10-0 L Dettori 8
2 0040 IRON KING 24 (C,D,F,6) J Spearing 7-9-4 K Darley 4
3 0041 TREASURE TIME 6 (D,F) J White 4-9-4 K Rutter (5) 10
4 5000 OCTOBER BREW 41 M Pipe 3-8-13 M Perrett 11
5 1005 TOMMY TEMPEST 19 (D,5) K Burke 8-8-8 D Holland 5
6 2060 ASTERIX 7 (F) J Bradley 5-8-8 N Adams 3
7 5310 KENSWORTH LADY 6 (D,6) M Blanchard 3-8-5 D Harrison (3) 6
8 -000 BATCHWORTH ROUND 17 (D,6) S Mellor 4-7-13 C Rutter 7
9 5300 GRAND TIME 52 (BF,F,6,5) C Hill 4-7-12 G Bardwell 2
10 6832 CASTLE MAID 16 R Hodges 6-7-7 J Quinn 9
11 0500 MISS PRECOCIOUS 10 (V) D Shaw 5-7-7 A Tucker 1

4-1 Treasure Time, 5-1 Lucedeo, 6-1 Iron King, Castle Maid, 7-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 8 winners from 38 runners, 20.5%; M Pipe, 4 from 21, 19.0%; P Walwyn, 5 from 27, 18.5%; W Hern, 3 from 17, 17.6%; D A Wilson, 3 from 19, 15.8%; R Hodges, 13 from 105, 12.4%.

JOCKEYS: D Harrison, 6 winners from 22 rides, 27.3%; L Dettori, 9 from 36, 25.0%; W R Swinburn, 3 from 13, 23.1%; Pat Eddery, 8 from 41, 19.5%, J Reid, 12 from 85, 14.1%, R Perham, 8 from 62, 12.9%.

REDCAR

THUNDERER

2.10 Milbank Challenger. 2.45 Nichodouia. 3.15 Azureus. 3.50 Provence. 4.20 Touch Above. 4.55 Resonant.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 JOLLY SAILOR SELLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,070: 5f) (11 runners)

1 3224 TREVORSWHIPPOINTS 16 (CD,BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 9-7 K Darley 5
2 4500 MILBANK CHALLENGER 20 M H Easterby 9-6 M Birch 8
3 6205 HAWAYMYSON 15 J Johnson 9-5 J Weaver (3) 3
4 0040 MELODYS DAUGHTER 16 (B,D,6) R Johnson Houghton 9-2 F Norton 11
5 4561 CRACKER JACK 19 (B,D,6) T Fairhurst 9-2 (7ex) J Marshall (7) 1
6 5225 OUR MICA 34 (B,D,5) J Berry 9-0 G Duffield 6
7 -455 SAMANTHAS JOY 14 B McMahon 8-13 J Fortune 4
8 -005 MASTER PEGGITY 7 (6) S Kettlewell 8-7 J Tate (5) 2
9 505 KIMMY'S PRINCESS 13 R Bocs 8-6 A Clark 10
10 00-0 SHOTLEY AGAIN 12 N Tycroft 8-6 Alex Greaves 9
11 -000 THE CUT 48 (V) G Oldroyd 7-12 N Varley (7) 7

5-2 Trevorswhippoints, 7-2 Cracker Jack, 6-1 Milbank Challenger, 8-1 Samanthas Joy, 10-1 Our Mica, 12-1 Melodys Daughter, 14-1 others.

2.45 ST JOHN AMBULANCE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,821: 7f) (8)

1 43-5 DANNY BLUE 7 Miss G Kelleway 9-0 Gay Kelleway 8
2 0-00 DUKE OF DREAMS 20 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 K Darley 1
3 -P00 SIMPLY SUPERB 14 M W Easterby 9-0 T Lucas 4
4 3-66 SKY WISH 70 (BF) Miss S Hall 9-0 N Connorton 5
5 4334 SUDDEN SPIN 19 (V) J Berry 9-0 J Fortune 3
6 6-05 GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN 17 R Whitaker 8-9 A Culhane 2
7 663 MOLLY BRAZEN 38 J Etherington 9-9 M Birch 6
8 -432 NICHODOULA 6 (BF) M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 7

6-4 Nichodoula, 9-2 Molly Brazen, 5-1 Sudden Spin, 13-2 Glimpse Of Heaven, 8-1 Danny Blue, 14-1 Duke Of Dreams, 20-1 others.

3.15 EVENING GAZETTE HANDICAP
(£3,427: 1m 2f) (4)

1 5452 WELL APPOINTED 13 (F) A Hornby 4-9-10 M Birch 2
2 6441 AZUREUS 15 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-6 K Darley 1
3 -023 KNOWTH 20 (BF,G) R Akehurst 4-9-5 A Clark 4
4 0016 COMMON COUNCIL 5 (V,CD,F,G) M Hammond 4-8-11 J Marshall (7) 3

11-8 Azureus, 9-4 Knowth, 7-2 Well Appointed, 9-2 Common Council.

3.50 SEA PIGEON HANDICAP (£3,114: 2m 4yd) (4)

1 6101 TARQUDANT 13 (D,F,6) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0 K Darley 4
2 /541 PROVENCE 13 (CD,F) P Harris 6-9-11 G Hind 3
3 2-46 DOMINANT SERENADE 55 M Hammond 4-8-4 J Marshall (7) 1
4 -004 BRIDGE PLAYER 19 (6) D Moffatt 6-7-10 .. Darren Moffatt (5) 2

6-4 Provence, 13-8 Tarqudant, 5-1 Dominant Serenade, 7-1 Bridge Player.

4.20 RED CROSS HANDICAP (£3,054: 1m 1f) (8)

1 10-3 KASRAM QUEEN 20 (CD,F,6) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-10 K Darley 6
2 0654 UCKERBY MOOR 13 W Barker 4-9-5 S Webster 3
3 3231 TOUCH ABOVE 5 (CD,F) T Barron 7-9-4 (4ex) V Halliday (7) 1
4 6-00 WAAZA 24 (6) Miss L Siddall 4-9-3 Q Pears (5) 5
5 3503 DEAD CALM 14 (5) C Tinkler 3-8-13 J Weaver (3) 8
6 3252 MASTER OF THE HOUSE 14 (BF) M Hammond 7-8-13 J Marshall (7) 4
7 0066 VENTURE FOURTH 10 E Alston 4-8-2 S Wood 2
8 2000 KICK ON MAJESTIC 6 (F,6) N Bycroft 4-7-12 Julie Bowker 7

9-4 Touch Above, 11-4 Kasram Queen, 7-2 Master Of The House, 9-2 Dead Calm, 12-1 Ucklerby Moor, 20-1 others.

4.55 EBF MERMAID MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,207: 5f) (7)

1 DANCE FOCUS W O'Gorman 9-0 T Ives 6
2 056 HELLABY 21 S Norton 9-0 K Darley 5
3 22 RESONANT 12 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 7
4 00 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 12 J Berry 9-0 J Fortune 4
5 00 WOODTOMB 23 (5) T Fairhurst 9-0 S Webster 1
6 5 ELUNED MAY 21 R Whitaker 8-9 A Culhane 3
7 GRANGE DANCER D Moffatt 8-9 Darren Moffatt (5) 2

4-5 Resonant, 3-1 Dance Focus, 11-2 Eluned May, 16-1 Hellaby, Selhurstpark Flyer, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Harris, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; M Prescott, 8 from 37, 21.6%; R Bocs, 3 from 19, 15.8%; M H Easterby, 26 from 169, 15.4%; E Alston, 3 from 21, 14.3%; M Hammond, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: Darren Moffatt, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; J Marshall, 3 from 19, 15.8%; G Hind, 11 from 76, 14.5%, K Darley, 30 from 212, 14.2%; M Birch, 26 from 183, 14.2%; G Duffield, 19 from 134, 14.2%.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: The Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot appears to hold the key to this race despite much faster going here. Silverdale had Kassab, Saint Keyne and Sping To Action behind him when just going down to Infrasonic. Since then John Gosden's stayer has run equally well in a group two race in France and should appreciate this drop into listed company.

3.05: Beauchamp Hero has improved with every race and, along with Vayavaig, looks handily weighted, but both would appreciate softer ground. Tychonic is on the upgrade and loves Newmarket but So So is the choice. David Barron's filly appreciates a strong pace and a galloping track and her recent Newcastle win was boosted by the performance of Map Of Stars here yesterday.

3.40: see above.

4.10: This will be run a furious pace with front runners Rise Up Singing and Croft Valley in the field, so the ability to see out a testing seven furlongs will be crucial. Dress Sense, unlucky in running at Sandown last time, previously scored on the Rowley mile course here in a strongly-run handicap and can oblige again. Field Of Vision is improving fast and today's trip and ground are ideal.

RICHARD EVANS

THUNDERER

2.00 Governor George. 2.35 Kassab. 3.05 Marastani. 3.40 ZIETEN (nap). 4.10 Adwick Park. 4.45 Dahiyah.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Bal Harbour. 2.35 Silverdale. 3.05 GOLDEN GUEST (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 CHILD & CO SUPERLATIVE STAKES
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £9,189: 7f) (5 runners)

101 (5) 131 GOVERNOR GEORGE 14 (D,F,5) (Lucayan Stud) R Hannon 9-2 L Dettori
102 (2) BAL HARBOUR (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-11 Pat Eddery –
103 (4) 1 MR BUBANKS 12 (CD,F) (Rokbeck Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11 R Cochrane 97
104 (3) 0 PAPAGAYOS 20 (Circlechart Ltd) C Britain 8-11 M Roberts –
105 (1) SHEPTON MALLET (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid –

BETTING: 13-8 Governor George, 5-2 Shepton Mallet, 11-4 Bal Harbour, 4-1 Mr Eubanks, 25-1 Papagayos.
1992: ARDKINGLASS 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-2) H Cecil 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOVERNOR GEORGE beat Blaze Away 6l in a 6-runner conditions race at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). MR EUBANKS beat Aljawad 3½l in a 9-runner maiden over course and distance (good to firm). PAPAGAYOS over 20l 12th of 13 to Great Deeds in a conditions race at Ascot (9f, soft). BAL HARBOUR (Mar 2) is a half-brother, by Shirley Heights, to Sabrehill, useful at around 1m 2f. Dam from good middle-distance family. SHEPTON MALLET (Mar 21) is a half-brother, by Alzao, to Easy Access, useful at up to 7f.
Selection: GOVERNOR GEORGE (nap)

2.35 BAHRAIN TROPHY
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £9,594: 1m 6f 175yd) (8 runners) C4

201 (2) 463-001 ALJAZZAF 9 (F) (M Obaida) C Brittain 8-10 W R Swinburn 94
202 (7) 8-21113 KASSAB 22 (F,6,5) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-10 W Carson 95
203 (1) 161308 MAGICAL RETREAT 21 (C,6,5) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-10 D Biggs 90
204 (5) 33214 SAINT KEYNE 22 (6) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-10 Pat Eddery 95
205 (6) 231224 SILVERDALE 11 (C,6) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-10 M Roberts 98
206 (2) 25-5215 SPRING TO ACTION 22 (C,6) (The Ocean) I Balding 8-10 L Dettori 83
207 (4) 4-11214 TIOMAN ISLAND 25 (C,F,6,5) (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 8-10 J Reid 88
208 (8) 1-02443 RAPID REPEAT 13 (V,5) (Lord Hartington) Mrs J Cecil 8-5 P Robinson 94

BETTING: 6/5-40 Tioman Island, 4-1 Silverdale, 5-1 Kassab, 7-1 Saint Keyne, Spring To Action, 8-1 Aljazzaf, 10-1 Magical Retreat, Rapid Repeat.
1992: RAIN RIDER 8-10 W Carson (9-4 jt-fav) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALJAZZAF beat Double Bass 4l in a 5-runner conditions race at Chepstow (1m 2f, firm). MAGICAL RETREAT over 8l 6th of 8 to Thewaikh in the group II Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, soft). SILVERDALE 9½l 2nd of 8 to Infrasonic in the group III Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot on penalty. KASSAB (same terms) 3¾l 3rd, SAINT KEYNE (same terms) 21½l 4th and SPRING TO ACTION (same terms) 12l 5th. TIOMAN ISLAND last over 2l 4th of 9 to Konrada in the group II Zeddes-Union-Rennen at Cologne (1m 3f, good).
Selection: SILVERDALE

3.05 TNT AVIATION HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £10,275: 1m) (17 runners) C4

301 (2) 0-1305 THUNDER RIVER 14 (F) (Mrs E Mitchell) M Heaton-Ellis 9-7 A Munro 95
302 (13) 22-1522 MARASTANI 14 (D,F) (C Hedigan) G Harwood 9-3 J Reid 89
303 (12) 0-12 CHATOYANT 41 (D,5) (Lord Derby) J Watts 9-2 M Hills 96
304 (8) 301-100 EASY ACCESS 20 (C,6) (N Aboned) R Hannon 9-2 G Carter 93
305 (14) 31-6020 COMEYBURY 20 (6) (R Sangster) L Cumani 9-1 R Cochrane 94
306 (17) 10-3513 STAR MANAGER 41 (D,BF,5) (M Arbib) P Cole 9-0 T G McLoughlin (7) 95
307 (9) 14-2103 SHAMAM 33 (C,5) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 P Robinson 96
308 (6) 0513-04 RAKIS 14 (5) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-13 W Carson 98
309 (5) 24-3331 GOLDEN GUEST 18 (D,F) (Cross of Mrs V Hue-Williams) Mrs J Cecil 8-13 L Piggott 92
310 (15) 4410 MECKLENBURG 20 (5) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-13 M Roberts 94
311 (10) 341-041 SO SO 13 (D,F,5) (G Marlin) T Barron 8-10 W Newnes 96
312 (16) 310-55 VAYAVAIG 27 (5) (DenTex Ltd) J Fanshawe 8-8 W R Swinburn 97
313 (11) 145410 WOODHAUNTER 20 (D,F,6) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-8 W Ryan 91
314 (3) 04-525 BEAUCHAMP HERO 20 (E Pearce) J Dunlop 8-7 N Carlisle 85
315 (7) 666-003 EAST LIBERTY 15 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-7 L Dettori 97
316 (1) 51-3132 TYCHONIC 12 (C,BF,F,6) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-7 Pat Eddery 94
317 (4) 338132 WORDSMITH 13 (D,6) (Sir

Hooper's brilliance fails to save Kent



Ealham: quick thrash

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

EDGBASTON (Kent won toss): Warwickshire beat Kent by five wickets

THIS was a fine match, and a fine victory which Warwickshire could easily have conceded, first with the ball, then the bat. There was a stage in the morning when Kent, ignited by Ward and Hooper, were ablaze. Later, when their third wicket went down, Warwickshire nerves were a-jangle again.

On both occasions they found men fitted to the task and achieved victory with three balls to spare. Such an outcome appeared unlikely when Dermot Reeve joined Paul Smith in the 30th over. The captain, with an unbeaten 72, saw the job through to win not only the match but also the individual award.

Kent must be thoroughly sick of coming here. Last year they were beaten in the quarter-final and this time they threw away the chance to put a truly formidable score on the board after Benson won the toss. A total of 262 for nine, though respectable, was always within Warwickshire's range.

The way that Hooper and Ward went after the bowling suggested they had carriages to catch at lunchtime. Hooper survived a close lbw call first ball, then pasted Warwickshire for the next 10 overs. There is no other adequate verb: he took 18 off an over from Neil Smith, including a swept six, and pulled Munton for half a dozen more. Intoxicated by his strokeplay, he finally carved Donald to Reeve in the gully.

Ward, whose half-century was memorable for some ferocious driving, then saw Penney hold a magnificent diving catch at extra cover. Shortly afterwards Penney held one every bit as good, low down at point, to surprise Llong.

Instead of developing the innings from a position of strength Kent were obliged to rebuild it before Ealham thrashed effectively towards the end. He made 58 not out from 44 balls, with three sixes, two of them in a final over from Paul Smith which yielded 22. In all Smith's eight overs cost 60.

He hadn't long to wait before he got the chance to claw the runs back. Warwickshire lost Ratcliffe and Ostler in making 58, whereupon Smith, somewhat flattered by his lofty place in the order, was missed by Ward at mid-off before he had scored. First with Moles, then with Reeve, he batted with spirit and was just in credit, on 61, when Ealham had him taken at the wicket.

Warwickshire then brought the rate down so that 64 were needed from the last 10 overs. For a side which can ship water badly this was still a tall order if Kent, particularly McCague, could restrict them. He couldn't. Reeve and Twose, whose improvisations boggled the eye and defied all known cricketing logic, knocked off all but the final dozen.

Edgbaston has probably never seen anything like it.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Opening gambit: John Stephenson drives to the off during a partnership of 187 with Paul Prichard for the Essex first wicket yesterday. Report, page 44

Record stand puts Sussex on course to easy victory

BY PETER BALL

HOVE (Hampshire won toss): Sussex beat Hampshire by nine wickets

A RECORD opening partnership in the NatWest Trophy of 248 between Bill Athey and David Smith saw Sussex home with surprising ease against their south-coast rivals yesterday. Sussex claimed only their second victory against a first-class county in the competition since they beat Lancashire in the 1986 final.

The stand was a Sussex record in the competition, and the highest against Hampshire, who had never lost a one- day match by such a margin. They batted with calm certainty from the start, making the outcome almost a forgone conclusion long before the end.

On a typical Hove wicket, Hampshire simply did not score enough runs, despite a century from Robin Smith. He has been in such form recently that his century, which took his tally of runs in his last six innings to 535, might have been taken for granted. Yet after an explosive start, and containing some outstanding shots, it was far less destructive than many of his innings, and for that Sussex must take a great deal of credit.

On a day when 500 runs were scored for the loss of only four wickets, with a record stand and three centuries into the bargain, to say that the decisive factor in winning the match was Sussex's bowling sounds perverse. But it ensured that Hampshire were restricted to a much lower total than they must have hoped when Nicholas won the toss.

It was certainly less than looked likely when Smith arrived as Middleton followed a wide one, and promptly announced his presence with a flurry of fours. But Salisbury, after a loose opening over, settled into a groove well enough to suggest that Smith's troubles with leg spin are not yet completely in the past, and Greenfield and Colin Wells shared the fifth bowler spot successfully in the crucial pre-lunch spell.

Rarely can Smith have hit so many good shots for one, and he saw less of the strike than his partners. Even so runs came, but not in the flood needed on a flat pitch with the ball skidding down the slope like lightning.

At lunch, at 142 for one off 41 overs, the word from the Hampshire dressing room was that they felt they were 15 runs below par. Afterwards, as Terry fell to Stephenson's first ball back to end an admirable innings, his 71 coming off 135 balls with nine fours, for a time they fell further behind as Gower and Nicholas went quickly, and although Marshall and Smith put on 69 in nine overs to enable Hamphshire to set some sort of total, it was some way short.

How far short quickly became apparent as Athey and David Smith got under way. They make a nicely complementary opening pair, respectively right and left-handed, phlegmatic and pugnacious, one a predominantly front-foot and the othera back-foot player.

It was beyond Hampshire's means to break the combination until it was too late. On such a good pitch they needed an early breakthrough, but spurned the opportunity as Athey edged Marshall and the leaping Ames grounded the chance. It was an important miss as Smith cut and pulled ferociously and Athey drove elegantly.

Hampshire had little chance to stem the flow, and when the chances occurred they were again spurned, Athey escaping an edge off Marshall at 136, and Udal putting down Smith at the same score. Smith won the race to his century in 196 minutes off 158 balls, Athey taking twelve minutes and one ball longer. In quality they were even closer.

Richards finishes on top in duel with Botham

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

VIV Richards had the better of the argument yesterday in his last competitive match against his old friend Ian Botham as Glamorgan beat Durham by seven wickets in the NatWest Trophy second-round match at Cardiff.

Although Richards was hit for 63 in his nine overs — Botham clouting him for a six — as Durham scored 245 for five, he later caught Botham off the bowling of Steve Watkin for 33 made from 27 balls. Wayne Larkins and Paul Parker had put Durham in a good position by adding 107 for the second wicket.

However, their total proved completely inadequate in the face of a rousing century in 103 balls from Matthew Maynard and Glamorgan won with 17 balls to spare with Richards, who finished 45 not out, making the winning hit.

Despite a fine all-round performance from Chris Cairns, Nottinghamshire were unable to prevent Somerset winning by three wickets at Trent Bridge.

Somerset, who needed only 204, looked to have things well in hand when Nick Folland and Richard Harden were together in an assured second-wicket partnership. Both then fell to Chris Lewis in quick succession and Cairns, who had held the Nottinghamshire innings together by scoring 71 in 95 minutes, also produced a testing spell which brought him two wickets before Somerset eased home with 13 balls to spare.

Andrew Smith, whose father played for Surrey through most of the 1960s, was given the man of the match award at Grace Road where Surrey won by seven wickets well before tea.

Although Waqar Younis made it the first breach it was Smith (3-25) and his fellow off spinner James Boiling who were mainly responsible for Leicestershire's dismissal for 129.

Everything went right for the Surrey captain, Alec Stewart, who helped finish off last year's beaten finalists by scoring 56 off 38 balls with 12 fours.

Curtis tidies up as Derbyshire fret about overdraft

BY IVO TENNANT

WORCESTER (Derbyshire won toss): Worcestershire beat Derbyshire by four wickets

IF EVER there was the opportunity for Tim Curtis to bat in his orderly way for much of a NatWest match, this was it. His was not the finest innings — John Morris batted like the free spirit he is, and Chris Adams made more runs than anyone — but Curtis's 82 off 151 balls enabled Worcestershire to reach the quarter-finals. It also won him the man-of-the-match award from Godfrey Evans.

There is, of course, a great deal on Derbyshire's minds at the moment. The Benson and Hedges final on Saturday is not the half of it. At a forum earlier this week, held so the committee could be quizzed over the running of the club, the members were told of a club overdraft of £390,000. Winning either of the knock-out competitions would barely make a dent in that.

To what extent this impinges on the players is hard to gauge; a fair degree, judging by their cricket here. They recovered well from losing both openers to top-edged catches at the wicket, only to finish with a total that was 40 or so runs too few.

From 175 for two, they were all out for 244, an inexplicable collapse.

Still, if Morris and Adams bat like this on Saturday, Derbyshire should fair rather better than in their two previous appearances in the final. After being beaten in 1978, Eddie Barlow reckoned he would be better off pig farming back home. You cannot help but feel that if he was still with them in one capacity or another, Morris might still be an England batsman.

Morris and Adams put on 162 in 40 overs, plenty of them off Radford and Newport, who have become accustomed to a pitch on the cathedral side of the square having more in it for them than this one. Illingworth, however, showed how niggardly he can be without recourse to firing the ball down the leg side.

When Morris, having made 71 off 111 balls, was bowled swinging across a straight one from Newport, he could reasonably have expected someone would slog sufficient runs off the remaining 12 overs. Instead, the last eight wickets went for 69, Adams among them. He was out to Radford seven short of a century and was not even recompensed with victory.

Given that Worcestershire likewise hardly bat down the order — Rhodes and Newport would not go in at six and seven in many sides — Curtis or Hick, preferably both, needed to make a decent score. Both did just that.

Faultless ride gives Whitaker top title

JOHN Whitaker retained his national show jumping title at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh yesterday after an inspired final round against the clock on the 18-year-old Everest Hopscotch, his fourth-string horse (Jenny MacArthur writes). It is the fourth successive year the title has gone to a member of the Whitaker family, and required four clear rounds. Only three of the 15 competing riders were clear over the first round. Michael Whitaker and Nick Skelton, two former national champions, were among six riders who collected four faults.

Hopscotch will be Whitaker's only ride at the Royal International Horse Show which starts today at Douglas Bunn's Hickstead showground in Sussex. Milton, his top horse is on the mend following a recent leg injury; Gammon, his second string, is resting after competing on the continent, and Grannusch, the horse on which he won his national title last year, is recovering from a cracked sole.

England on a roll

BOWLS: England, champions nine times in the past 10 years, overwhelmed Wales, the holders, 132-86 on the opening day of the home international series at Worthing yesterday.

England finished ahead on five rinks, with John Bell having 22 shots in hand over David Wilkins, and Andy Thomson 18 over Will Thomas. Tony Allcock won by a single against John Price, picking up three on the last end. England's only losing skip was Stan Lant, who played well before going down 15-21 to Robert Weale. Earlier, Ireland defeated Scotland 128-111. Four Irish rinks won in an emphatic performance.

Finish fault penalised

YACHTING: Gerhard Clausen and Nick Bailey were declared the winners of the first stage of the Teesside two-man Round Britain and Ireland race yesterday after the protest committee, sitting at Crosshaven, imposed a 15-minute penalty on the 60-foot American trimaran La Kota, whose crew, David Scully and Steve Fossett, were found to have sailed the wrong side of the finish buoy in Cork harbour. The penalty put them two minutes behind Clausen's 40-foot trimaran, Fritzz-Fratzzz, when they set out on the 440-mile second stage of the race to Barra.

Davies leaves Widnes

RUGBY LEAGUE: Warrington yesterday completed the signing of Jonathan Davies from Widnes. The Welsh stand-off has agreed a two-year contract with his new club, who beat off late challenges from Castleford and Wakefield Trinity for the former Llanelli player. He has represented Great Britain on nine occasions after winning 27 Welsh rugby union caps. "Jonathan is a world-class player who will not only solve our goalkicking problem but can score and create tries from nothing," Brian Johnson, the Warrington coach, said.

Fright for Foster

TENNIS: Andrew Foster, who was Britain's best performer at Wimbledon, had to fight off a stern first-set challenge from a determined Scottish qualifier, Miles Maclagan, in the Bristol Challenger Trophy yesterday. Foster was taken to a tie-break in the first set and had to come from 3-6 down to win it 12-10, after play had been in progress for nearly 90 minutes. Foster, who has risen from 332nd to 210th in the world rankings after reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon, broke service to lead 4-3 before taking the second set 6-4 to move into the second round.

Goodacre in charge

SQUASH: Julie Goodacre, formerly the events manager of the Squash Rackets Association, has been promoted to the newly-created position of executive director, following the surprise departure of its chief executive, Chris Gotla, after less than a year in the job.

Goodacre, 32, a Loughborough graduate with experience in the British Universities Sports Federation before joining the SRA in 1987, was selected from a shortlist of two. She is expected to concentrate on administration and the development of the game in England.

Gold for Evanson

SWIMMING: Thea Evanson, 13, of Hornchurch, Essex, won the gold medal in the girls 200 metres freestyle at the European youth games in Valkenswaard, Holland, yesterday. Evanson showed no signs of nerves in leading her race from start to finish to win in 2min 11.61sec. Samantha Chaperon, 12, from Jersey, won the silver in the 100 metres backstroke, and Ian Edmonds, 15, from Reading, also took silver, in the 100 metres breaststroke. His time of 1min 66.95sec was more than a second quicker than that of Adrian Moorhouse, the 1988 Olympic champion, at the same age.

Harris leads the way

GOLF: Gary Harris, 17, from the Broome Manor club, returned a score of 68, three under par, over the tree-lined Ascona course in Switzerland yesterday to help England to a share of the lead with Sweden in the first strokeplay qualifying round of the European boys' team championship. With David Howell also breaking par and Mark Foster matching it, England had a five-card total of 354. Wales finished the day in fourth place, on 368, but Scotland, ninth, and Ireland, tenth, will have to show marked improvement to qualify for the top flight for the matchplay stages.

RESULTS

NatWest Trophy
First round

Sussex v Hampshire

HOVE (Hampshire won toss): Sussex beat Hampshire by nine wickets

HAMPSHIRE

T C Middleton c Moores b Stephenson	9
V P Terry c Moores b Stephenson	71
R A Smith not out	104
D I Gower c Smith b Jones	2
*M C J Nicholas c Jones b Salisbury	12
M D Marshall not out	31
Extras (lb 7, w 6, nb 6)	19
Total (4 wkts, 80 overs)	248

R J Ogden, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, C A Connor and K J Shine did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-148, 3-157, 4-179

BOWLING: Stephenson 12-3-52-2; Giddins 12-2-41-0; Jones 12-1-60-1; Salisbury 12-3-41-1; Greenfield 6-0-24-0; C M Wells 6-0-23-0.

SUSSEX

D M Smith b Connor	123
C W J Athey not out	107
M P Speight not out	4
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 14)	18
Total (1 wkt, 58.5 overs)	252

*A P Wells, K Greenfield, C M Wells, F D Stephenson, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury, A N Jones and E S H Giddins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-248.

BOWLING: Marshall 12-0-36-0; Connor 11.5-0-59-1; Shine 9 3-0-61-0; James 12-1-47-0, Udal 12-0-42-0; Nicholas 1 3-0-6-0

Man of the match: D M Smith (Sussex).

Umpires: G Sharp and A A Jones

Worcestershire v Derbyshire

WORCESTER (Derbyshire won toss): Worcestershire beat Derbyshire by four wickets

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett c Rhodes b Benjamin	1
P D Bowler c Rhodes b Tolley	6
J E Morris b Newport	71
C J Adams b Radford	33
T J G O'Gorman c Illingworth b Newport	1
D G Cork b Benjamin	23
F A Griffith c Leatherdale b Newport	8
†K M Krikken not out	9
A E Warner lbw b Tolley	2
D E Malcolm b Tolley	0
O H Mortensen not out	4
Extras (lb 13, w 9, nb 4)	26
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	244

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-13, 3-175, 4-177, 5-198, 6-223, 7-233, 8-235, 9-236

BOWLING: Benjamin 12-3-36-2; Tolley 9-1-25-3; Newport 11-0-72-3, Radford 12-1-32-1, Illingworth 12-1-22-0; Hick 4-0-22-0

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T S Curtis b Warner	82
W P C Weston c Warner b Griffith	27
G A Hick c Barnett b Malcolm	48
D B D'Oliveira lbw b Mortensen	15
D A Leatherdale run out	36
†G J Rhodes c Mortensen b Cork	1
P J Newport not out	13
N V Radford not out	4
Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 12)	19
Total (6 wkts, 57.2 overs)	245

R K Illingworth, N V Radford, C M Tolley and K C G Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-149, 3-174, 4-225, 5-228.

BOWLING: Warner 12-1-33-1, Malcolm 11-1-77-1, Cork 12-2-55-1, Griffith 10 2-0-45-1, Mortensen 12-2-31-1

Umpires: B Leadbeater and M J Kitchen

Warwickshire v Kent

EDGBASTON (Kent won toss): Warwickshire beat Kent by five wickets

KENT

T R Ward c Penney b Donald	50
*M R Benson c Piper b Munton	16
C L Hooper c Reeve b Donald	38
N R Taylor c Piper b Munton	25
N J Llong c Penney b Twose	1
G R Cowdrey c Penney b Twose	5
M V Fleming c Munton b Donald	34
†S A Marsh b P A Smith	6
M A Ealham not out	58
D W Headley c Piper b Donald	0
M J McCague not out	6
Extras (lb 4, lb 6, w 7, nb 6)	23
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-99, 3-118, 4-123, 5-137, 6-150, 7-172, 8-226, 9-227

BOWLING: Donald 11-1-69-4, Munton 12-3-35-2; Reeve 10-2-29-0; N M K Smith 7-0-60-0; Twose 12-3-30-2; P A Smith 8-0-60-1

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles c and b Fleming	37
J D Ratcliffe c Marsh b McCague	18
P C Ostler lbw b Headley	10
P A Smith c Marsh b Ealham	61
*D A Reeve not out	72
R G Twose run out	36
T L Penney not out	7
Extras (lb 1, lb 10, w 2, nb 2)	25
Total (5 wkts, 59.3 overs)	265

N M K Smith, †K J Piper, A A Donald and T A Munton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-58, 3-95, 4-174, 5-252.

BOWLING: McCague 12-1-54-1; Headley 12-2-43-1; Hooper 11.3-1-49-0; Ealham 12-1-38-1; Fleming 12-1-55-1.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and A G T Whitehead

Glamorgan v Durham

CARDIFF (Durham won toss): Glamorgan beat Durham by seven wickets

DURHAM

G Fowler c and b Croft	24
W Larkins b Lefebvre	75
P W G Parker not out	73
I T Botham c Richards b Watkin	33
P Bainbridge c Cobley b Lefebvre	10
A C Cummins c Metson b Barwick	2
S Hutton not out	16
Extras (lb 4, lb 4, w 2)	10
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs)	245

†C W Scott, P J Berry, *D A Graveney and S P Hughes did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-148, 3-196, 4-220, 5-226.

BOWLING: Watkin 11-1-33-1; Lefebvre 12-4-31-2; Barwick 12-2-44-1; Croft 12-1-42-1; Dale 4-0-24-0; Richards 9-0-63-0.

GLAMORGAN

S P James lbw b Berry	48
A Dale run out	29
M P Maynard c Larkins b Berry	101
I V A Richards not out	45
P A Cobley not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 18, w 1, nb 4)	25
Total (3 wkts, 57.1 overs)	248

*H Morris, R D B Croft, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-154, 3-239.

BOWLING: Cummins 12-1-43-0; Hughes 9-0-27-0; Botham 12-1-49-0; Graveney 10 1-0-47-0, Bainbridge 7-1-27-0; Berry 7-0-35-2.

Umpires: D J Constant and J H Harris.

Nottinghamshire v Somerset

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toss): Somerset beat Nottinghamshire by three wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

D W Randall c Folland b Mallender	5
P R Pollard c Burns b Caddick	22
*R T Robinson c Lathwell b Mallender	41
P Johnson c Burns b van Troost	19
C L Cairns c Caddick	71
M A Crawley b van Troost	8
C C Lewis lbw b Rose	7
†B N French lbw b Rose	2
R A Pick c Folland b Rose	0
M G Field-Buss not out	5
J A Afford b Mallender	1
Extras (lb 6, w 6, nb 6)	22
Total (55.4 overs)	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-27, 3-65, 4-162, 5-175, 6-189, 7-189, 8-190, 9-192.

BOWLING: Caddick 10-2-34-2; Mallender 10 4-2-33-3; van Troost 11-1-45-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 12-1-44-0; Rose 12-0-41-3.

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c French b Pick	8
N A Folland lbw b Lewis	63
R J Harden lbw b Lewis	31
*C J Tavaré b Pick	30
K A Parsons b Cairns	33
†N D Burns b Cairns	2
G D Rose c Pollard b Lewis	6
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	5
A R Caddick not out	0
Extras (lb 16, w 4, nb 4)	24
Total (7 wkts, 57.5 overs)	204

N A Mallender and A P van Troost did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-110, 3-115, 4-184, 5-185, 6-195, 7-199.

BOWLING: Lewis 11-1-24-3, Cairns 10.5-1-39-2; Pick 12-1-38-2; Afford 11-1-39-0; Field-Buss 12-1-44-0; Crawley 1-0-4-0.

Man of the match: C L Cairns (Nottinghamshire).

Umpires: N T Plews and G A Stickley.

Leicestershire v Surrey

LEICESTER (Leicestershire won toss): Surrey beat Leicestershire by seven wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon c D J Bicknell b Smith	45
*N E Briers b Waqar	17
J J Whitaker c Thorpe b Boiling	22
J D R Benson c Lynch b Smith	2
L Potter c Thorpe b Boiling	1
V J Wells not out	17
W K M Benjamin b Smith	10
†P A Nixon lbw b Lynch	4
G J Parsons b Waqar	2
A R K Pierson c Thorpe b M P Bicknell	1
A D Mullally b Waqar	4
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1)	4
Total (48.5 overs)	129

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-51, 3-75, 4-84, 5-94, 6-104, 7-119, 8-123, 9-124.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 7.5-1-18-3; M P Bicknell 8-2-28-1; Benjamin 3-0-18-0; Boiling 12-1-29-2; Smith 12-4-25-3; Lynch 4-0-10-1.

SURREY

D J Bicknell b Potter	19
*†A J Stewart b Potter	56
G P Thorpe c Nixon b Pierson	10
M A Lynch not out	25
A D Brown not out	14
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 4)	7
Total (3 wkts, 32.1 overs)	131

D M Ward, A W Smith, M P Bicknell, Waqar Younis, J Boiling and J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-88, 3-96.

BOWLING: Benjamin 4-0-33-0; Mullally 4-2-15-0; Pierson 12-1-38-1; Potter 12-0-40-2, Parsons 0.1-0-4-0.

Man of the match: A W Smith (Surrey).

Umpires: V A Holder and P B Wight.

Gloucestershire v Yorkshire

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Yorkshire beat Gloucestershire by two wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

B C Broad not out	114
G D Hodgson c White b Robinson	62
M W Alleyne c Moxon b Gough	32
*A J Wright b Gough	0
S G Hinks not out	19
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 2, nb 4)	14
Total (3 wkts, 60 overs)	241

†R C Russell, R J Scott, R M Wight, C A Walsh, A M Smith and K E Cooper did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-165, 2-210, 3-210.

BOWLING: Jarvis 12-1-57-0; Gough 10-3-31-2; Hartley 12-0-60-0; Robinson 12-2-31-1; Stemp 10-0-42-0; White 4-1-12-0

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon c and b Wright	28
A P Grayson b Cooper	12
R B Richardson c and b Alleyne	50
S A Kellett b Walsh	3
†R J Blakey c sub b Alleyne	28
C White c Walsh b Alleyne	28
P W Jarvis c Alleyne b Walsh	13
P J Hartley not out	22
D Gough run out	2
R D Stemp not out	1
Extras (lb 8, w 5, nb 2)	15
Total (8 wkts, 59.4 overs)	243

M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-60, 3-92, 4-138, 5-200, 6-201,

BOWLING: Cooper 12-3-35-1; Walsh 11-4-1-40-2; Smith 12-1-59-0; Scott 6-0-80-0; Wright 8-1-24-1; Alleyne 10-0-48-3.

Umpires: R Julian and P Willey.

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6.00 Business Breakfast (77885)
7.00 Breakfast News (16728882)
9.05 Morning Surgery. Advice on sexual problems, anaemia and loss of hair (s) (1608205) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** Michael Womersley and Clive Fretwell prepare fish dishes (s) (5977446) **9.45 Whatever Happened To . . . ?** Gordon Honeycombe looks at stories that were once headline news (s) (5638232)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3045576) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (4382934) **10.30 Bump** (r) (7142972) **10.35 A Summer Good Morning.** Highlights from *Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick* (s) (6134576)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9025311) **11.05 Knots Landing.** Drama series about the Ewing family's poorer relations (r) (4466576) **11.50 National Trust Gardens.** A visit to Paycockes near Coggeshall, Essex (8758601)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7672682) **12.05 Rediscovery of the World.** Exploring Papua New Guinea's Sepik river (1656779) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (36397311)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (42868) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (72233156)
1.50 Film: Custer of the West (1968) starring Robert Shaw, Mary Ure, Jeffrey Hunter and Robert Ryan. Spectacular but muddled biopic of the maverick general. Directed by Robert Siodmak. (Ceefax) (85373069)
4.10 Orville and Cuddles (r) (2760359) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (3316205) **4.35 Uncle Jack and the Loch Noch Monster** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1241021)
5.00 Newsround (6242359) **5.10 Record Breakers** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5921934)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (361953). **Northern Ireland:** *Inside Ulster*
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (595)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (175). **Northern Ireland:** *Neighbours*
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (9886)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (359)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. When Hyacinth and Richard have a couple of days break in a country cottage events take several unexpected turns (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8514)

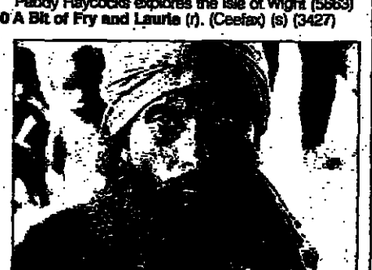


A 19th-century miscarriage of justice (8.30pm)

8.30 Crime Limited. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (7021)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5885)
9.30 Sylvania Waters. Fly-on-the-wall documentary series about a feuding Sydney household. This week Noeline's drink problem takes centre stage. (Ceefax) (15311)
10.00 Goodbye Cruel World. Episode two of Tony Marchant's award-winning three-part drama about a couple trying to cope with the wife's incurable wasting disease. *Starring Sue Johnstone and Alun* Armstrong (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6866). **Wales:** The Slate 10.30 Goodbye Cruel World 11.30-1.00 Film: Malone
11.00 Film: Malone (1987) starring Burt Reynolds and Cliff Robertson. Conventional thriller about a former CIA operative who discovers a plot to overthrow the American government. Directed by Harley Cokliss (83363) **12.30am Weather** (1405183)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: A Matter of Geometry (7793663) **7.10** A Case of Flu (6689175) **7.35** Innovation on the Rails (3648359) **8.00 Breakfast News** (2558953)
8.15 Westminster (1800663)
9.00 Film: Miracle in the Rain (1956, b/w) starring Jane Wyman and Van Johnson. Tear-jerker about a shy young woman who meets a soldier in New York during the second world war. Directed by Rudolph Mate (88930934)
10.50 Film: Going My Way (1944, b/w). Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald both won Oscars for this warm-hearted tale about an unconventional priest. directed by Leo McCarey (26354717)
12.55 A Week To Remember (b/w) (r) (37573953)
1.05 Arthur Negus Enjoys. A visit to Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire (r) (17248311)
1.20 Bertha. Animation (r) (17237576)
1.35 Living on the Land. Morecambe Bay plays host to 170 bird species (r) (24081601)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (65064972) **2.05 Of Green Man and Blue Trains.** A look back at Glasgow trams and their drivers (r) (22158886)
2.15 International Golf. Live coverage from the Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire, of the second round of the Bell's Scottish Open (3274595)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3229934) **3.05 Westminster Live** (2229446) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9012866)
4.00 International Golf. Further coverage from Gleneagles of the Bell's Scottish Open (9243)
6.00 Film: Come Next Spring (1956) starring Ann Sheridan and Steve Cochran. Sentimental drama about a husband and father who returns to his family after deserting them eight years before. Directed by R.G. Springsteen (81917)
7.30 Borderlines: The Plight of the Earls. The series on aspects of Ireland continues with a look at the declining fortunes of the country's peers. (Ceefax) (601)
8.00 Business Matters: Breaking the Glass Ceiling. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (6156)
8.30 The Travel Show introduced by Penny Junor This week Carol Smillie reports from Provence and Paddy Haycocks explores the Isle of Wight (5863)
9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3427)



Living on silt: a Bangladeshi peasant (9.30pm)

9.30 Under the Sun: Slaves of the River. (Ceefax) See Choice (912971)
10.20 10 x 10: Back to Eden. Comedy thriller mixing live action with animation (r) (139243)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (Ceefax) (211309)
11.15 International Golf. Highlights of the second round of the Bell's Scottish Open from the Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire (130885) **11.55 Weather** (866886)
12.00 Jumpcuts. Open University preview (2013199)
12.05am Making Medical Decisions. Allocating medical resources (3978593). Ends at **12.35**

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CHOICE



Motown blues: Michael Moore, centre (C4, 9.00pm)

Roger and Me
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Roger is Roger Smith, president of the American car giant General Motors. Me is Michael Moore, a film-maker from Flint, Michigan. Flint is the birthplace of GM but in 1988 Smith announces the closure of 11 factories in the town and the loss of 30,000 jobs. Moore decides to make a film about it. His main purpose is to get hold of Smith and invite him to Flint to see the devastation his plant closures have caused. The trail takes him to Detroit and New York, from this exclusive club to the next, but it is like trying to get an interview with the Queen. Meanwhile Flint receives a succession of celebrity visitors, from Ronald Reagan to Pat Boone, who tell it to chin up and keep smiling. This is a wonderfully dark and funny film.

Crime Limited
BBC1, 8.30pm

Nick Ross hosts a second series of true crimes, recalled through reconstruction and interviews and designed to draw attention to the plight of victims. In the first we are taken through the nightmare of a man who woke up to discover that his daughter had been murdered in her bed and found himself suspected of the crime. We also hear how a woman used her own initiative to catch a man who was terrorising her with obscene telephone calls. The third item goes back to the end of the 19th century and shows how a case of mistaken identity led to two free pardons and the setting up of the Court of Criminal Appeal. In none of the cases do the police emerge with credit, though copper-bashing is not the main point of the exercise.

Business Matters: Breaking the Glass Ceiling
BBC2, 8.00pm

The glass ceiling is the invisible barrier which prevents women taking the senior management jobs. Although women make up half the workforce, only 2 per cent make it to the top. At the present rate, according to one prediction, it will take women 475 years to catch up. Reporting from both of sides of the Atlantic Sarah Dunant looks at reasons for this imbalance and seeks expert guidance on how it can be corrected. The diagnosis is simple. Men have their own business culture and do not like women breaking into it. The suggested cure is to play men at their own games. One of these is golf. Given that decisions are taken as much on the greens as in the boardrooms, women have to be prepared to take up the clubs.

Under the Sun: Slaves of the River
BBC2, 9.30pm

A bleak film from Bangladesh features some of the millions of landless peasants who are forced to live on the silt islands of the river Bhramaputra. The silt makes extremely fertile land and is a great temptation. But once a year the floods come and the islanders face being drowned out of their fragile existence. There is no aid, from the government or outside, no social security, no affordable schools or medicine. Criticised for their high birth rate, these people retort that children are insurance against old age. The film homes in on Abdur Rahman, a fisherman struggling to support his wife and young family. Unable to survive on his income he resorts to a money-lender but the interest is crippling.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Patricia Brake and Hilary Crane from the cast of *Eldorado*, the soap that dies tomorrow evening (5287021)
9.25 Talkabout. Lighthearted word game hosted by Andrew O'Connor (5952137) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4391682)
10.00 Out of This World American comedy series (r) (s) (18311)
10.30 This Morning Weekday magazine (91382137)
12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series (r) (2156595)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (7446972) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17252665)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama (Teletext) (766088) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama series (765359)
2.15 House Style Home improvement ideas presented by Alistair Macdonald and Dilly Barlow (740040) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama series (6133214)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3230040) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3239311) **3.20 The Young Doctors** Drama series set in an Australian city hospital (2756137)
3.50 The Wisdom of the Gnomes. Animated adventures (5529682) **4.15 The Pig Attraction.** Last in the puppet series (368595) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (1265601)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2234156)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (988779)
6.00 London Tonight (93214)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (4934)
7.30 Voyager: On Hawaii's Giant Waves. A documentary about the surfers of Waimea Beach on Hawaii's Oahu island where the Pacific rollers are, at 30 feet, among the biggest in the world (s) (427)
8.00 The Bill: Trust. After information received proves incorrect, DS Greig is convinced that his tame grass is giving him the run-around. (Teletext) (3682)



Say it with music: host Michael Ball (8.30pm)

8.30 Michael Ball. The first of a six-part series starring the versatile singer. His guests are Wet Wet Wet and Ray Charles. (Teletext) (s) (2717)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Continuing the repeat run of the second series of Lucy Gannon's watchable army drama. The regiment is about to depart for Hong Kong (Teletext) (s) (1175)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (70750) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (863311)
10.40 Big City. London and South East entertainments guide (s) (359798)
11.15 Film: Three on a Match (1987) starring Patrick Cassidy, David Hemmings and Bruce Young. Crass comedy about three convicts using their guiles to outwit their pursuers. Directed by Donald P. Bellisario (141137)
1.05am The Twilight Zone: Chameleon. A tale of the supernatural (3300719) **1.35 Hollywood Report.** Showbusiness gossip (2289064)
2.00 Donahue. The guests are wives who have left their husbands in order to live with other women (74248)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (60480)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (44373)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Leisure guide (r) (s) (31970)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (56737)
5.30 ITN Morning News (87880). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cat cartoon series (1135682) **6.45 Ovide.** Animated adventures of a duck-billed platypus (9997595)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (65717)
9.00 Saved By the Bell American teenage drama series (97427)
9.30 Batman and Robin. After he is kidnapped Robin leave a trail for Batman to follow (r) (6545175) **9.50 Two Castles.** Animation by Bruno Bozzetto (r) (4390953) **9.55 Once Upon A Time . . . Space.** An animated exploration of the universe (r) (6506408) **10.25 Kideo.** Lighthearted facts guide (r) (4319088)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Episode two of the adventure in which Hergé's hero is on the trail of hidden treasure (r) (5229175) **11.20 The Next Big Thing.** Continuing the story of an indie band's quest for fame (r) (7538156) **11.50 The Ugly Duckling.** Animated version of Hans Christian Andersen's classic children's tale (r) (8741311)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (77863)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series The guest is singer Bobby McFerrin (r) (23021) **1.30 Take 5.** Cartoons (27156)
2.00 Oceans of Wealth. The third of a four-part series examining the problems involved in developing the oceans' resources (r) (14340224)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races (66420175)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (840)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are people who have divorced, re-married but still pine for their original partner. (Teletext) (s) (2366953)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout narrated by Nigel Planer (429717)
6.00 Take That Special Highlights of the programme shown in April featuring the popular Manchester band (r) (205)
6.30 A Different World. American campus comedy series (s) (885)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext). Weather (308156)
7.50 Comment. Stella Dove sings the praises of the mini-cab industry (835406)



Grief for her mother: Maya Angelou (8.00pm)

8.00 Moments of Crisis. Dr Maya Angelou talks to Mavis Nicholson about the death two years ago of her mother and the effect this loss had on her life. (Teletext) (1224)
8.30 Tour de France. Phil Liggett and Paul Scherwin introduce highlights from the fast, flat 226km leg between Avranches and Evreux in northern France (7589)
9.00 True Stories: Roger and Me. (Teletext) See Choice (33266866)
10.45 Film: Wolfen (1981) starring Albert Finney and Gregory Hines. Chiller about a New York detective whose investigations into a series of brutal murders reveal evidence of wolf-like predators living in the South Bronx area. Directed by Michael Wadleigh (92996021). Ends at **12.55am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **5.10pm-5.40** Blockbusters (2234156) **6.00** Home and Away (791446) **8.25-7.00** Anglia News (683069) **10.40** Sailaway (312156) **11.10** 26th Cambridge Folk Festival (824822) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (591972) **12.35am** Wrestling (8612828) **1.15** America's Top Ten (43084) **1.45** Film: Ooh...You Are Awful! (796793) **3.30** Stage 2 (73644) **4.30** Riviera (98961063) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (98036096)

BORDER
As London except: **2.45pm-3.10** Magic Wok (6133214) **3.20-3.50** GP (2758137) **6.00** Lookaround (863) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (243) **10.40** Giving the Empire a Lift (312156) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (230224) **12.05am** IndyCar 93 (9378539) **12.35** Wrestling (8612828) **1.15** America's Top Ten (43084) **1.45** Film: Ooh...You Are Awful! (796793) **3.30** Stage 2 (73644) **4.30** Riviera (18809) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (58737)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.15pm** A Country Practice (768088) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (765359) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (2756137) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2234156) **6.00** Home and Away (791446) **6.25-7.00** Central News (776137) **10.40** 1st Night (3121156) **11.10** Married...with Children (824822) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (439576) **12.10am** Hollywood Report (4223480) **12.40** The Little Picture Show (3051489) **1.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8926826) **2.10** America's Top Ten (6240460) **2.40** Raw Power (4836064) **3.40** Quiz Night (83817731) **4.10** Jobfinder (9933557) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2590903)

GRANADA
As London except: **1.15pm** A Country Practice (768088) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (765359) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2756137) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2234156) **6.00** Home and Away (663) **6.30** Granada Tonight (658068) **6.50-7.00** Wyatt on Wheels (537595) **10.40** Families (186779) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (216779) **12.35** Wrestling (8612828) **1.15** America's Top Ten (43084) **1.45** Film: Ooh...You Are Awful! (796793) **3.30** Stage 2 (73644) **4.30** Riviera (18809) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (58737)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.45pm-2.15** Blockbusters (765359) **6.00** HTV News (663) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbour Show (243) **10.40** The West...This Week (411507) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (744885) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (591972) **12.35am** Wrestling (8612828) **1.15** America's Top Ten (43084) **1.45** Film: Ooh...You Are Awful! (Dick Emery, *Liza Goddard, Ronald Fraser*) (796793) **3.30** Stage 2 (73644) **4.30** Riviera (18809) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (58737)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: **6.00pm** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Special Report **10.40** Wales and Westminster **11.10** Weekend Ahead! **11.25-11.40** Out of Limits

MERIDIAN
As London except: **6.00pm** Meridian Tonight (663) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (243) **10.40** The Pier (359796) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (236408) **12.15am** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (351441) **1.15-1.35** Nite Bites (1049793) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (58737)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **5.55pm** Tyne Tees Today (389801) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (243) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (411507) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (235779) **12.20am** Film: Who Is the Black Dahlia? (286938) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6258486) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1693002) **3.05** Film: *Madness of the Heart (183151)* **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (6138165)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.45pm-2.15** Blockbusters (765359) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2756137) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (93214) **10.40** Midweek (312156) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (230224) **12.10am** The Twilight Zone (1477422) **12.35** Wrestling (8612828) **1.15** America's Top Ten (43084) **1.45** Film: Ooh...You Are Awful! (796793) **3.30** Stage 2 (73644) **4.30** Riviera (18809) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (58737)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **5.55pm** Calendar (389601) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (243) **10.40** Edi V (411507) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (235779) **12.20am** Film: Who is the Black Dahlia? (286938) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6258486) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1693002) **3.05** Film: Madness of the Heart (183151) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder

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Stereo: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (65717) **9.00** Saved By the Bell (5940392) **9.25** Footur (1130595) **9.55** Batman and Robin (6544446) **9.55** Starcom (6515994) **10.20** Kidax (4310717) **10.50** Tintin (6137663) **11.20** Powers of Ten (6029137) **11.30** The Next Big Thing (9089) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (77663) **12.30** Slot Melthrin (26885) **1.00** Seserne Street (16040) **2.00** *Oceans of Wealth (14340224)* **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (66420175) **4.30** Miracle at Tendaho (840) **5.00** Fifteen To One (5040) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (392) **6.00** Newyddion (144514) **6.10** Heno (722592) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2576) **7.30** Margaret (88972) **8.30** Newyddion (801137) **8.55** Minafon (297137) **9.40** Tecyn Teithio (407804) **10.10** Tour de France (606205) **10.40** The Long Summer (310796) **11.10** Wise Cracks (238868) **12.05** Moments of Crisis (5673921) **12.35** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (16296717) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (3074683) **9.10** Cartoons (8053885) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (64601) **10.00** Card Sharks (5805392) **10.25** *Concentration (8210406)* **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2526311) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (73885) **11.30** Falcon Crest (20311) **12.30pm** E Street (75717) **1.00** Another World (47406663) **1.45** Three's Company (3659953) **2.15** *Sally* Jessy Raphael (1968866) **3.15** Different Strokes (2004446) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5228427) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8327) **6.00** Games World (4563) **6.30** E Street (8343) **7.00** Rescue (1866) **7.30** Full House (4427) **8.00** Eddie Dodd (82021) **9.00** Chances (34585) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (57412) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (92885)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (54446) **6.30** News and Business Report (754804) **8.30** Talkback (35953) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (24359) **11.30** International Business Report (28953) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (28175) **1.30** CBS This Morning (96576) **2.30** *Parliament Live (2791327)* **3.15** *Parliament Live (2089088)* **4.30** News and Business Report (4040) **5.00** Live at Five (669972) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (2069) **9.30** Talkback (21779) **11.30** CBS News (19595) **12.30am** *Financial Times Reports (56544)* **1.30** CBS News (25557) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (48557) **3.30** CBS News (43002) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (52189) **5.30-8.00** CBS News (25064)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2147156)
10.00 End of the Line (1987). Two railway workers steal a vintage engine (46205)
12.00 Sergeant Ryker (1968). Lee Marvin is charged with treason during the Korean war (78717)
2.00pm Judith (1966). Holocaust survivor Sophia Loren searches for the Nazi husband who betrayed her (98224)
4.00 The Whistling of Ben Wagner (1990). Children's drama with Sam Bottoms (92053)
6.00 End of the Line (as 10am) (16088)
8.00 Kindergarten Cop (1990). Arnold Schwarzenegger works undercover (82205)
10.00 Cobra (1986). Sylvester Stallone combats a motorcycle gang (38408)
11.30 The First Power (1990). Lou Diamond Phillips tracks an incorporeal serial killer (461798)
1.05am Bethune — The Making of a Hero (1990). Donald Sutherland as the Canadian doctor in revolutionary China (583915)
3.00 Enrapture (1987). Erotic thriller in which a chauffeur becomes a murder suspect (9342536)
4.25 The Sitter (1991). A teenage babysitter is psychologically unbalanced (341538) Ends at **5.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Caine Mutiny (1954): Battle-ship captain Humphrey Bogart is relieved of his command (34695021)
8.05 The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid (1972): Western adventure with the Younger and James brothers (873822958)
10.00 The Border (1982): Jack Nicholson becomes emotionally involved with a Mexican mother (625514). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.20am Submarine Command (1951, b/w) Starring William Holden (30949243)
8.00 Young Survivors (1982): Three children are stranded aboard a shipwreck (53408)
10.00 My Man Godfrey (1957): Rich girl June Allyson falls in love with butler David Niven (77175)
12.00 No Sex Please, We're British (1973): Comedy with Ronnie Corbett and Beryl Reid (8053311)
1.45pm The Jackson Story (1946). Biopic with Larry Parks (80199779)
4.00 Young Survivors (as 8am) (6311)
8.00 Absolute Strangers (1991): Henry Winkler is forced to choose between his wife and his unborn baby (57430)
9.30 Blackmail (1991). Susan Blakely is blackmailed by a handsome gigolo (19175)
10.00 Mom (1989) A lovable grandmother is transformed into a flesh-eating monster by night. With Mark Thomas Miller (433589)
11.40 Grievous Bodily Harm (1988): Crime reporter Colin Firels investigates a series of murders (449576)
1.20am Who Shot Patakango? (1990). Violence erupts in 1950s Brooklyn (737915)
3.10 Trash Horses (1989): Andrew McCar-thy becomes obsessed with Molly Ringwald (452793). Ends at **4.50**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (18356) **7.00** Australian Rugby League (41175) **9.00** Prime Bodies (30595) **9.30** Motor World (88369) **10.00** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (83565) **12.00** NHRA Drag Racing (50356) **12.30pm** Women's Volleyball (76514) **2.00** Welsh Open Snooker (43156) **4.00** ATP Tennis (5330) **4.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (1514) **5.00** Motor Racing. *French Grand Prix (2137)* **6.00** WWF All-American Wrestling (68866) **7.00** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (32427) **9.00** US PGA Senior Golf (34408) **11.00** Motor Racing French Grand Prix (21311) **12.00** British Motorsport (69083) **1.00-3.00am** Welsh Open Snooker (66557)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (26866) **8.00** Golf: Irish Open (54021) **9.00** Tour de France (69382) **10.00** Tennis: Swiss Open (5967601) **2.30pm** Tour de France (30392) **4.00** Tennis: Swiss Open (40779) **5.30** Athletics (91750) **6.30** News (8427) **7.00** French Grand Prix (40069) **8.00** Fencing (59717) **9.00** Tour de France (39963) **10.00** Kick Boxing (32040) **11.00** Boxing (23779) **12.00-12.30am** News (60151)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (8546175) **7.30** Neighbours (8525682) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2457885) **8.30** EastEnders (2455156) **9.00** The Bill (2447406) **9.30** The Onedin Line (7860224) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (4171156) **11.30** Happy Ever After (3686156) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2450972) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9214682) **1.00** EastEnders (8545446) **1.30** The Bill (9213953) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (2512021) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (5494779) **3.00** Dallas (3882972) **4.00** Dynasty (3678779) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2536801) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5498595) **6.00** Neighbours (5495408) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6721040) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (5408972) **8.00** EastEnders (2532885) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (2511392) **9.00** Jules Bravo (1681525) **10.00** The Bill (2451601) **10.30** Carrol's Lib (2437021) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9224327) **11.45** Dr Who (8337088) **12.15-2.10am** Film: Whistle Down the Wind (1961) starring Hayley Mills (5862538)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (91427) **7.00** Ratkan II (40205) **9.00** Jack In the Box (23040) **11.00** Stones Without Words (46779) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (47406) **12.00** Interbing (88822) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (13330) **2.00** Stories Without Words (2392) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (1392) **3.00** Beber (2447137) **3.25** Ratkan II (50104021) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (6972) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (2408) **6.00-7.00** Fame (88886)



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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: New Curiosity Shop — Quack Medicines **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including Franck (Las Eolides); Haydn (Symphony No 98 in B flat); Vivaldi (Trio in C, RV 82); Hamish MacCunn (The Land of the Mountain and the Flood)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Korngold. Das Wunder der Heliane, Prelude; Act 3, scene 1 (Berlin Radio Chorus and Orchestra under John Mauceri); Cello Concerto, Op 37 (Francisco Garbarro; National PO under Charles Gerhardt); String Quartet No 3, Op 34 (Chilingirian Quartet)
10.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth performs Ravel (Menuet antique); Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 3 in E flat; Martin Jones); Poulenc (Suite, Les Biches)
11.00 Cheltenham Festival 1993: From the Pittville Pump Room, the Endellion Quartet performs Amiage (String Quartet No 1 in D minor); Berkeley (String Quartet No 1). **11.55** David Brown argues the importance of the years *1871 to 1877* in Tchaikovsky's personal and artistic development. **12.15pm** Tchaikovsky (String Quartet No 1 in D) **1.00 News**
1.05 Ibert and Honegger: BBC Concert Orchestra under Nicholas Cleobury performs Ibert (*Diane de Poitiers*, Ballet Suites Nos 1 and 2); Honegger (Les noces de Psyche et de l'Amour, after Bach's *French Suites*)
1.55 Opera News (r)
2.25 Haydn's Operas: Lausanne Chamber Orchestra under Antal Dorati *performs* Haydn's three-act opera *Armida*. With Jessye Norman as Armida and Claes Hakon Ahnsjo as Rinaldo
5.00 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen
7.30 Spirit of the Earth: The Aret Ensemble performs Persian traditional music
8.45 Solid Short Stories: The Open Window. The last of four tales read by Peter Howell
8.55 Pot-Pourri: Recorded at the Victoria Hall, Geneva, Anne Sofie von Otter, mezzo; Suisse Romande Orchestra under Armin Jordan perform Ambroise Thomas (Overture, Raymonde); Gounod (Faites-lui mes aveux, Faust); Saint-Saëns (Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix, Samson et Dalila); Bizet (Petite Suite, Jeux d'enfants; Seguidilla, Près des remparts de Séville, Carmen); Mozart (*Voi che sapete*, Le Nozze di Figaro; Parto, parto, ma tu ben mio, La Clemenza di Tito); Rossini (Overture; Crudo sorte, L'Italiana in Algeri; Non piu mesta, La Cenerentola); Rossini, arr Britten (Soirées musicales)
10.15 Hawks Stalks: The Hunter. In the second of six programmes on Coleman Hawkins, Ron Geesin illustrates the jazz saxophonist's dry humour
10.45 Night Waves: David Benedictus discusses the art of writing short stories
11.30 Songs from Hungary: Andras Szollosy (Fragments: Adrienne Csengery, soprano, Judith Pearce, flute, Roger Chase, viola); Bartók (Five Songs, Op 16: Sylvia Sass, soprano, Andras Schiff, piano); Gyorgy Kurtag (Attila; Jozsef Fragments, Op 20: Adrienne Csengery); Liszt (Die drei Zigeuner: Sylvia Sass, Andras Schiff) **12.30-12.35am News**
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00; 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk examines the moral questions behind the week's news. With Janet Daley, Rabbi Hugo Gryn, Edward Pearce and Professor Roger Scruton
9.45 Hearing Voices, Seeing Things: Ian McMillan and Martyn Wiley glimpse into other people's lives
10.00-10.30 The House (FM only), by Christopher Lee (4/6)
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Numbers. Read by Michael Hordern (8/9) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Lia Williams about her role in David Mamet's play, *Oleanna*. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm Slightly Foxed: Gill Pyrah hosts the literary quiz. With Brian Patten, Roger McGough, Adrian Henri and Gladys Mary Coles **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Final Whistle: A black comedy by Bernard Farrell. *Danny* (Jim Reid) wakes up confused. He thought he was in hospital, recovering from a heart attack, but now he is not so sure
3.00 Against the Grain: 071-580 4444 (FM only): Ann Marie Hourihane invites listeners to argue for or against the view: "the upper class deserves its silver spoon"
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *At the Black Pigs' Dyke*, the 100th production by the Druid Theatre Company; explores the Willie Clancy Summer School of Irish Music; and visits the Natural History Museum's exhibition, *Primates*
4.45 Short Story: *Imitation Love*, by Jessica de Mellow. Read by Elliott Nicholls
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Nick Revell Show. The last in the series
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 On the Road Again: See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Workshop of the World? *Frances Cairncross* asks what strategy Britain should adopt in the increasingly competitive world of the 21st century
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Presented by Kati Whitaker. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Jericho. Written and read by Dirk Bogarde (11/12)
11.00 Tales from the Arabian Nights: Ghanim, the Thrall of Love. The first of seven stories of love, magic and mystery. With Derek Jacobi as the King and Carolyn Backhouse as Shehrazad
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

On the Road Again. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
Simon Dring bade farewell to Fakenham in 1962 at the tender age of *16 and set out on a* hitch-hike which took him to India. Now the former television news correspondent retraces the old hippie route east, this time by Jeep. Gathering enough material for four programmes, the first takes him to Turkey, interviewing sundry teenage freedom-seekers en route. It may be more orderly and *practical these days but* there is the same eagerness for adventure among the young, ranging from Mel and Gary, riding an ancient Enfield motorbike, to the *amazing* Kecia from Cardiff, younger than most of her passengers,



Walking tall: Robin Smith, the Hampshire batsman, leaves the Hove pavilion during the NatWest Trophy second round match yesterday. Smith took an unbeaten century off the Sussex attack but his efforts were in vain, Hampshire losing a high-scoring match by nine wickets. Report, page 42. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Lamb century spoils Essex party

BY JACK BAILEY

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Northamptonshire beat Essex by five wickets

THE holders of the Natwest Trophy march on. The Essex players, especially those from duty with England, were given a right royal welcome and for much of this match it looked as though they would respond by carrying all before them. But one particular former England stalwart spoilt the party in a quite unruffled, matter-of-fact fashion, and his name was Allan Lamb.

When Northamptonshire had lost Fordham, Felton and Bailey for 46 runs, the Essex total of 286 seemed far away. You can never tell with these matches, but the Essex bowling, with Pringle moving the ball late off the scene, looked well in command.

But Lamb found an excellent partner in young Malachy Loye of whom much more will be heard. These two put on 137, always keeping Northants up with the clock. After Loye there was Penberthy. But above all there was the chunky, belligerent Lamb. His undefeated 124 came from 127 balls and Northamptonshire won with 13 balls to spare.

It was, characteristically, a composed and courageous innings and Alec Bedser had no hesitation in making him man of the match. He would have been lynched by a small but vociferous band of Northamptonshire supporters in the crowd of 5,000 if he had not.

The Essex innings had followed a well-charted and familiar path: set out the stall, move forward steadily and safely, accelerate fearsomely at the end. There were, however, one or two departures from the script which left Essex 30 runs short of expectations.

Admirably though they played, Prichard and Stephenson became slightly out of line with the demands of an ideal performance. At lunch the scoreboard was beautifully symmetrical: 160 for no wicket, from 40 overs; Prichard 78, Stephenson 76.

But attempts at accelerating beyond four an over had proved fruitless. In the same way, the need to force the pace immediately after the interval saw mistakes creeping in with the varied off spin of Rob Bailey causing most embarrassment.

Before yesterday, Bailey's haul this season in limited-overs cricket was one wicket for 196 runs. Now his two overs before lunch put the breaks on. Immediately afterwards, Bailey had Stephenson groping and missing, but Ripley could not gather the ball. Within the next three overs, Prichard was twice within a whisker of being out. Then he shuffled across to Ambrose and was leg-before.

Bailey reaped a just reward when Stephenson hit across a good-length ball. From 184 without loss, Essex were now 189 for two. The openers had served them wonderfully well, but it was time to push harder. Hussain, brimming with confidence, was just the man and his was the dominant innings of the day for Essex.

He lost Malik, to the persistent Bailey, but by the time Taylor claimed him he had made his 50 from 43 balls. The Essex faithful, having welcomed Gooch like a hero, even though there was time for just a few powerful strokes from him, were alive with hopeful anticipation as the Essex innings ended. But then along came Lamb and Loye.

ESSEX		
P J Prichard lbw b Ambrose	92	
J P Stephenson b Bailey	90	
N Hussain b Taylor	50	
Salim Malik c Penberthy b Bailey	19	
G A Gooch not out	12	
D R Pringle c Curran b Ambrose	13	
Extras (lb 2, w 6, nb 2)	10	
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs)	286	

†M A Garnham, S J W Andrew, M C Ilott, T D Topley and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-187, 2-189, 3-248, 4-270, 5-286.

BOWLING: Ambrose 12-0-47-2; Taylor 11-2-45-1; Penberthy 9-1-47-0; Curran 11-2-54-0; Cook 7-0-42-0; Bailey 10-0-49-2.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	
A Fordham lbw b Pringle	0
N A Felton c Gooch b Topley	10
R J Bailey run out	31
M B Loye c Garnham b Andrew	65
*A J Lamb not out	124
K M Curran lbw b Such	3
A L Penberthy not out	41
Extras (lb 6, w 4, nb 6)	16
Total (5 wkts, 57.5 overs)	290

†D Ripley, C E L Ambrose, J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-39, 3-46, 4-183, 5-196.

BOWLING: Pringle 12-1-53-1; Ilott 10.5-0-59-0; Topley 11-0-54-1; Stephenson 8-0-39-0; Such 12-0-54-1; Andrew 4-0-25-1.

Man of the match: A J Lamb (Northamptonshire).

Umpires: G I Burgess and D O Oslear.

Williams scotches talk of easy ride for Hill

BY OLIVER HOLT

FRANK Williams last night quashed speculation that Damon Hill would be handed his first Formula One win at Silverstone on Sunday when he backed the Englishman's team-mate, Alain Prost, to win the British Grand Prix.

There had been increasing speculation that because Hill appeared to follow team orders at the French Grand Prix last Sunday by staying a few yards behind Prost all the way to the chequered flag, the Frenchman might be told to return the favour in Hill's home race.

But with Prost only 12 points ahead of Ayrton Senna in the drivers' championship, that always seemed an unlikely scenario, and yesterday the Williams team owner said he doubted Hill would pose a serious threat to a 50th victory for the Frenchman.

"Damon never thought he could win the championship this year," Williams said. "But he does believe he can win individual races and I think he is probably right.

"Even at Silverstone, a circuit where Damon has completed thousands of kilometres for us in private testing, I do not think he will be able to beat Prost on Sunday. I do not think he will beat him either in qualifying or in the race."

Williams praised the contribution Hill has made to his team's comfortable lead in this year's constructors championship but refused to comment on his future.

"There is no question concerning Alain Prost," Williams said. "He has a contract with us until the end of 1994. But as for Damon, it is still a bit too early to say.

"The important thing is that our strength this year has been to have two drivers capable of securing points. If, for any reason, one of them has not finished, the other has been there to take over.

"Damon was under a lot of pressure in South Africa and he got a poor result. That pressure led him to make mistakes but it is at times like that that the really good drivers stand out by the way they react to setbacks. Both our drivers had setbacks this season and came through."

Rising stars, page 39

Lewis to box in America as Bruno waits

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE world heavyweight championship bout between Lennox Lewis and Frank Bruno has been called off. Plans were well advanced for them to meet in October at Cardiff Arms Park, but the deal fell through when Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, signed to meet Tommy Morrison, the WBO world champion, instead in the first week of November in Las Vegas, and then Evander Holyfield in March.

Bruno could now challenge Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, in October. The heavyweight contest British boxing followers have been waiting to see — Lewis versus Bruno — could take place next autumn.

Maloney said Lewis's next opponent after Holyfield would probably be Bowe. "He would have to fight Lennox because there won't be anyone else for him to fight. We can't see Bowe going anywhere else. If Bruno keeps winning, he could still fight Lennox."

Maloney said earlier talks with Mickey Duff, Bruno's manager, broke down because Duff wanted to raise Bruno's share of the total promotion value by 2½ per cent to 25 per cent. Maloney then talked to Morrison's manager, Bill Cayton, and signed a two-fight deal. The winner would meet Holyfield.

Both Lewis and Morrison will receive $8 million (about £5.33m) each, or 50 per cent of the promotion, whichever is greater. Maloney said Lewis would expect to make $8 to $12 million from the bout with Holyfield.

Duff insisted that he had nothing to do with the failure of talks over a Lewis-Bruno clash. According to him, Lewis simply wanted to meet Morrison first. "They offered us 22½ per cent to fight in the autumn or 27 per cent to fight in the spring," Duff said. "So I went down the middle. We were still talking when Maloney went off and did the deal with Cayton. I have talked to Newman [Bowe's manager] since then about Bruno meeting Bowe in the States in October."

Tyson's prison life, page 38

Umpires meet to seek universal consistency



Alan Lee on the moves by cricket leaders to improve application of some thorny laws on the pitch

MODERN international cricket matches are under the control of umpires in white coats, umpires watching television and referees whose role is vague but whose powers are unlimited. The 1990's judiciary is high on numbers and technology but quality and consistency remain so elusive that the cluttered system does not command the confidence of the world's best players.

Yesterday, the annual meeting of the International Cricket Council recognised this and went some way towards addressing it. Next month, in England's midlands, the first conference of Test umpires will be staged, comprising two days of formal debate and an entire week of progressive chat. Made possible by the sponsorship of National Grid, the conference will bring together two umpires from each Test-playing country and will aim to overcome the greatest single barrier to player confidence — the inconsistent application of the laws.

The ICC hope that this may be a precursor to the installation of an international panel of umpires, unanimously agreed to be desirable yet still delayed by its expense. In the meantime, the conference will examine the demarcation between umpires and match referees, and discuss the scale of the third umpire who, it has been decided, will now sit at all Test matches adequately covered by television.

Short-pitched bowling will, naturally, be high on the conference agenda, for yesterday's meeting agreed by a clear majority that the experimental law restricting a bowler to one bouncer per batsman per over was unsatisfactory. Nobody, however, was willing to revert immediately to the old system under which umpires regularly failed to enforce the existing laws against intimidation.

So, the umpires themselves have been asked to come up with a viable alternative and present their findings to another ICC innovation, the cricket committee. This seven-man group, to be chaired by Clyde Walcott, comes into immediate effect. Walcott was also unanimously elected yesterday to succeed Sir Colin Cowdrey as ICC chairman.

Sitting in on all cricket committee meetings will be David Richards, who officially begins work this week as the ICC's first professional chief executive. As and when his office is fully furnished he must also start on a complete overhaul of the rules and procedures, proposed yesterday by England and agreed by the meeting.

England and Australia consequently went through with the formal disinheritance of their veto privilege, though the English representatives will have left the meeting feeling grumpy about two decisions which went against them. They were in favour of the experimental bouncer law and believed that the South African rebel tours of the 1980s should be regarded as first-class. Yesterday's council confirmed that they are not.

The real pique in these parts, however, will be concentrated in Scotland, whose application to join the ICC's associate membership, and thus compete in the lucrative World Cup qualifying competition in Kenya next year, was deferred for at least 12 months.

But Ireland have been accepted to the membership and will play in Kenya. Why the discrimination ? Lt-Col John Stephenson, outgoing secretary of the ICC, could hardly have come up with a more controversial answer: "It was felt that Ireland was an island of its own and that Scotland was very much part of the British Isles," he said.

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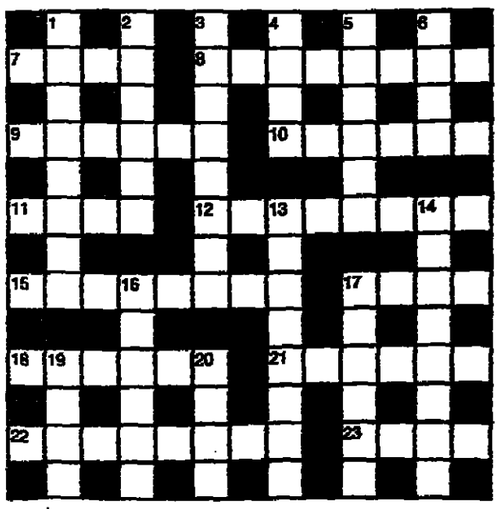
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By Raymond Keene

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By Philip Howard

GROMMET
a. A skateboarder
b. A shop-lifter
c. A middle-aged bore

MOSSBACK
a. A blackballer
b. A racing bicycle
c. An extreme fogey

BOONDOCK
a. To criticise severely
b. A harbour brothel
c. The wild outback

POTATO
a. Marijuana
b. A police car
c. A young woman

Answers on page 39